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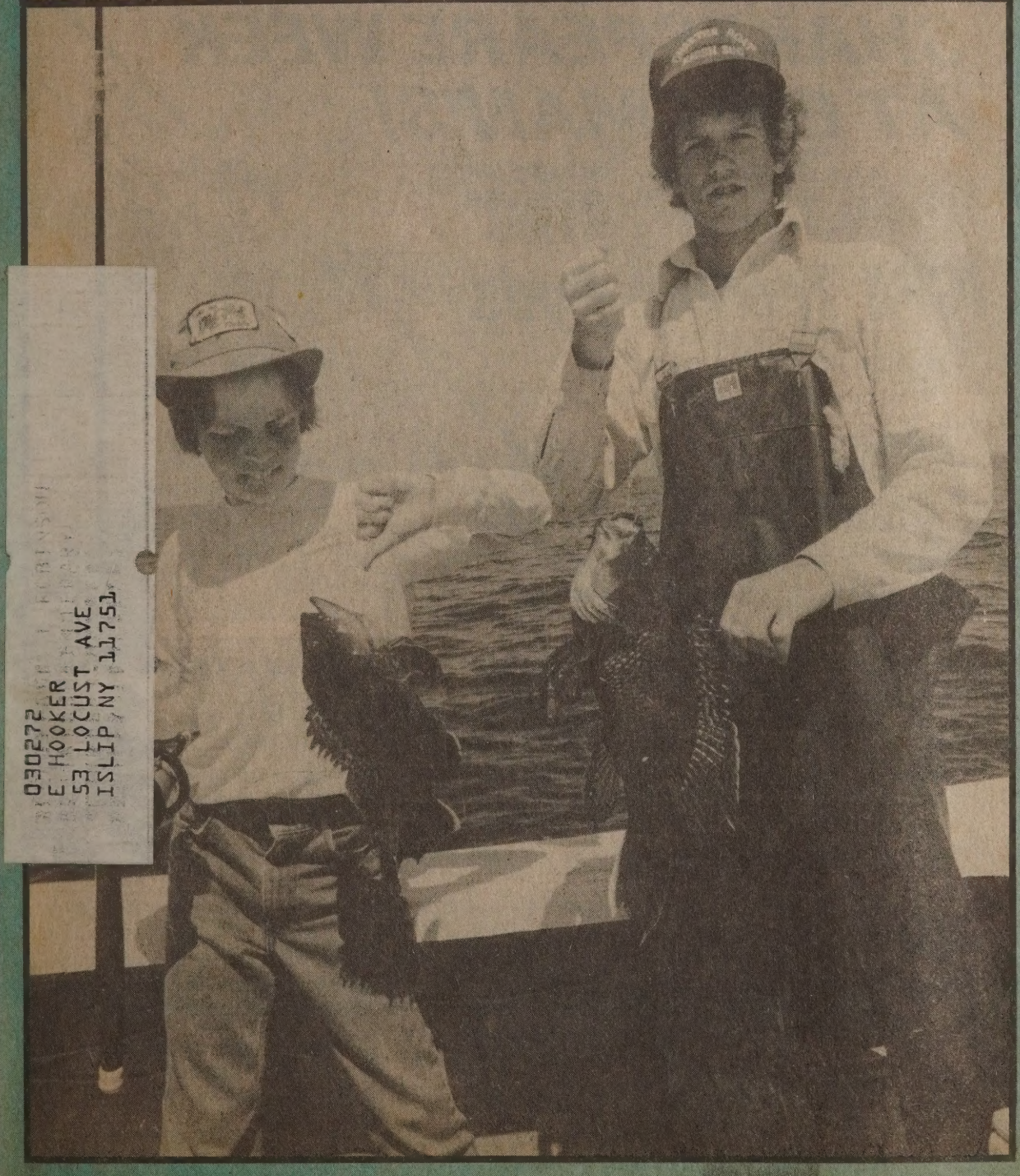

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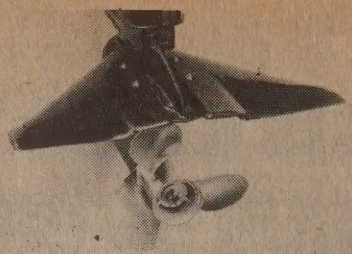

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BAJA
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BARETTA
PABLO J. MASPETH NY. 7/21/87
16' OPEN BOW 120hp MERC I/O
"THEY REALLY WORK WELL. THE BOAT PLANES FASTER. WE WENT OUT TO THE MUD HOLE AND THE BOAT WAS MUCH MORE STABLE ON THE OPEN WATER. I'VE TAKEN MY TRIM TABS OFF, I RECOMMEND THE DOEL-FIN VERY MUCH".

BAYLINER
JAN Z. HOLYOKE MA. 7/20/87
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"IT MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE. WITH FUEL, BUTTERFISH, ICE AND 3 OR 4 PEOPLE ON BOARD I HAD TO MOVE EVERYONE TO THE BOW, THE BOAT REALLY HAD TO STRAIN TO GET ON PLANE. NOW GETTING ON PLANE IS NO PROBLEM, THE MOTOR IS NOT WORKING AS HARD, THE BOW STAYS DOWN AND THE BOAT IS MUCH MORE STABLE AT LOW SPEED. THE DOEL-FIN WORKED BETTER THAN I EVER EXPECTED. IT IS MORE THAN WORTH THE MONEY!"

BOSTON WHALER
JACQUES W. STAMFORD CT. 7/20/87
17' CENTER CONSOLE 60hp JOHNSON
"THE DOEL-FIN WORKED LIKE A CHAMP. I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT. IT DID EVERYTHING YOU PROMISED AND ON TOP OF IT THE BOAT RAN FASTER. IT'S WELL WORTH THE INVESTMENT."

CELEBRITY
KEVIN L. SMITHTOWN NY. 7/20/87
19 1/2' CUDDY 205hp OMC
"IT'S GREAT! OUT OF THE CHANNEL THE BOW WAS DOWN AND THE BOAT TRACKED MUCH STRAIGHTER. IT FELT SOLID IN CHOP AND PLANES OFF FASTER, PLUS THE BOAT DOESN'T REQUIRE AS MUCH ADJUSTMENT OF THE POWER TRIM. I'D CERTAINLY RECOMMEND THE DOEL-FIN."

CHRIS CRAFT
RALPH S. NEW YORK NY. 7/21/87
24' SCORPION 260hp MERC I/O
"I LIKE IT. THE BOAT DOESN'T BOW STEER IN A FAST TURN, I CAN HAVE LOTS OF PEOPLE IN THE BACK AND STILL PULL A SKIER WITH NO PROBLEM. I DON'T USE THE HYDRAULIC TRIM TABS ANYMORE. THE PERFORMANCE OF THE BOAT IS MUCH BETTER WITH THE DOEL-FIN, I RECOMMEND IT!"

CLASSIC
JOHN C. CORAM NY. 7/22/87
25' CABIN CRUISER 260hp MERC I/O
"THE DOEL-FIN WORKS VERY NICELY. THE BOAT PLANES OFF FASTER, I PICK UP ABOUT 4 M.P.H AT 3400 RPM AND I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT, BUT I CAN STAY ON PLANE DOWN TO 1900 RPM. I CAN SEE WHERE I'M GOING WITHOUT STANDING ON MY TIP TOES AND THE BOAT DOESN'T "BUCK" THE SWELLS ANYMORE."

COLUMBIAN
JEFF B. SHELTER ISL. NY. 8/3/87
22' CUDDY CABIN 200hp EVINRUDE
"THEY DO EVERYTHING YOU CLAIMED. I'M ON PLANE AT 3000 RPM vs. 4200 BEFORE, I RUN FASTER AND SMOOTHER IN A ROUGH SWELL, I CAN SIT IN MY CHAIR AND SEE WHERE I'M GOING THE WHOLE TIME. YOU'VE GOT MY VOTE ON THEM. ALSO MY ENGINE ISN'T LABORING, I'VE PICKED UP 300 RPM ON THE TOP AND I HARDLY TOUCH THE TRIM. I'M VERY PLEASED WITH THE DOEL-FIN, EVERYONE WITH A BOAT SHOULD OWN THEM."

FORMULA
DOUG H. HYANNIS MA. 7/20/87
24' CUDDY 220 YAMAHA W/GIL BRKTS
"IT WORKED GREAT, THE ENGINE PULLS 200-300 RPM HIGHER AND IT PLANES FASTER. THE BOAT IS A DEEP VEE AND THE DOEL-FIN MAKES IT MUCH MORE STABLE ON TOP OF IT ALL. I RECOMMEND IT."

JOHN C. BABYLON NY. 8/2/87
25' S/C 300hp MERC I/O
"WITH THE DOEL-FINS ON I'M RUNNING IN 3-4 FOOT SEAS AS FAST AS I USED TO IN 1-2 FOOT SEAS AND THE BOAT IS SMOOTHER THAN EVER. I'M NOT USING AS MUCH TRIM AND MY FUEL ECONOMY IS IMPROVED. THEY WORKED OUT REAL WELL."

GALAXY
TONY P. PLYMOUTH PA. 7/21/87
17' OPEN BOW 140hp MERC I/O
"THE DOEL-FIN IS JUST FANTASTIC, I'M REALLY SAVING ON GAS. THE BOAT PLANES FASTER, IT DOES EVERYTHING BETTER. I'M SAVING LOTS OF FUEL. IT KEEPS THE BOW DOWN, LETTING ME RUN FASTER THAN EVER THROUGH BIGGER SEAS THAN EVER WITH NO POUNDING. I WAS SKEPTICAL, NOW I'M A BELIEVER. DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR THEIR THE BEST INVESTMENT I EVER MADE."

IMPERIAL
PAUL M. WEBSTER MA. 8/3/87
20' W/GILL BRCKTS. 140hp EVINRUDE
"THE DOEL-FIN IS PHENOMINAL. I'M PLANNING AT 2700 vs. 4200 RPM BEFORE. I'M SAVING LOTS OF FUEL. IT KEEPS THE BOW DOWN, LETTING ME RUN FASTER THAN EVER THROUGH BIGGER SEAS THAN EVER WITH NO POUNDING. I WAS SKEPTICAL, NOW I'M A BELIEVER. DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR THEIR THE BEST INVESTMENT I EVER MADE."

LARSON
DON K. ALEXANDRIA BAY NY. 8/3/87
17' ALL AMERICAN 140hp OMC
"WITH 4 PEOPLE IN THE BACK-TO-BACK SEATS THE BOAT GETS ON PLANE FAST, NO MORE MOVING ANYONE TO THE BOW. I'M VERY PLEASED WITH THE DOEL-FINS, THEIR WORTH THE MONEY."

POINTER
TOM M. MONTAUK NY. 7/21/87
18' CENTER CONSOLE 55hp JOHNSON
"THE BOAT IS MUCH MORE SEA WORTHY. IN OPEN WATER THE BOW CUTS THROUGH THE SWELLS GIVING ME A MUCH MORE LEVEL RIDE AND LESS POUNDING. THE BOAT IS LESS SENSATIVE TO WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION AND I DON'T HAVE TO ADJUST THE ENGINE TILT. I WAS SKEPTICAL, BUT THE DOEL-FIN HAS MORE THAN PROVEN ITS PERFORMANCE AND VALUE, I RECOMMEND IT VERY HIGHLY."

PROLINE
CHRIS J. HUNTINGTON NY. 7/22/87
23' CENTER CONSOLE 225 EVINRUDE
"THE BOAT PLANES OFF QUICKER AND STAYS ON PLANE DOWN TO A LOWER RPM. I'M ABSOLUTLY SATISFIED WITH THE DOEL-FIN."

SEA OX
SAL & TONY P. HOWARD BCH NY. 7/12/87
23' CUDDY DUAL 115hp YAM W/GIL BRKTS
"THE DOEL-FIN IS WORTH THE MONEY. THE BOAT STAYS ON PLANE DOWN TO 2800 RPM, IT WAS 34-3500 RPM BEFORE. THE BOW STAYED DOWN WITH PEOPLE IN THE STERN AND IT FEELS VERY SOLID IN CHOP & CROSSING A WAKE. I CAN MOVE DOWN THE CANAL AT A HIGHER RPM AND LEAVE LESS WAKE. I'M RECOMMENDING THEM TO OTHER BOAT OWNERS."

SEA RAY
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ROBERT F. BABYLON NY. 8/2/87
24' W/FLYING BRIDGE 228hp MERC I/O
"I'M USING THE MOST PROP THATS AVAILABLE FOR MY DRIVE. WITH THE DOEL-FIN ON, THE ENGINE IS PULLING MORE RPM AND I'M GOING FASTER AT A SET RPM. THE BOAT COMES ON PLANE FASTER. THEIR VERY EFFECTIVE, I'M PLAIN OLD GETTING BETTER PERFORMANCE OUT OF THE BOAT."

SPORTSCRAFT
RICHARD H. SOUND BEACH NY. 8/2/87
32' CABIN CRUISER TWIN 155hp OMC
"THE DOEL-FINS WORK VERY NICE. I COULDN'T PUT ON TRIM TABS BECAUSE OF THE HULL DESIGN AND THE TWIN OUTDRIVES. THIS SOLVES THE PROBLEM AND THEY TOOK LESS THAN A HALF HOUR TO INSTALL. THE BOAT GETS ON PLANE MUCH FASTER, PLUS I CAN RUN DOWN TO 2800 RPM vs. 3400 BEFORE."

TAHITI
FRANK T. ELWOOD NY. 8/2/87
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THUNDERBIRD
ERIC H. WILTON CT. 8/2/87
18' CLOSED BOW 120hp MERC I/O
"THE DOEL-FIN WAS VERY EASY TO INSTALL. IT STOPPED THE PROP FROM VENTALATING AND HELPED ME TO PICK UP A FEW M.P.H. IT'S DEFINATELY WORTH THE MONEY."

TROJAN
LARRY B. BROODKLYN NY. 7/13/87
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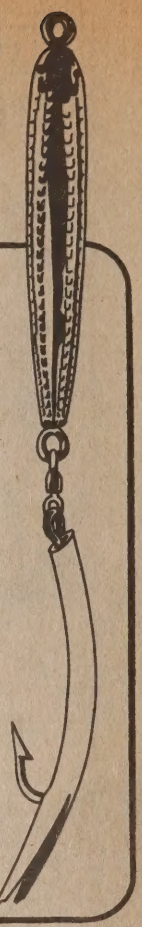

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Registration and first night of class will be held on October 1st at the Loretta Park Elementary School in Brentwood, New York. Registration will be held from 7:30 to 8PM and class will start at 8PM.

For more information, contact Eugene Capurso, Flotilla Public Education at 665-7366.

SPORT FISHING FORUM MAKING PLANS FOR '88

The 1987 New York Sport Fishing Forum held at SUNY-Old Westbury was the best ever in the history of the event.

Over 750 anglers attended the one-day event with over 300 exhibitors on hand to show their products.

If you would be interested in being an exhibitor for the 1988 Forum, please contact Jim Stanis at (516) 326-1282.

WRECK VALLEY VIDEO SERIES

Aqua Explorers Inc., would like to announce a soon to be released video series on shipwrecks located within Long Island's Wreck Valley.

Dan Berg, author of the book "Wreck Valley: A Record of Shipwrecks off Long Island's South Shore" and "Shore Diver," a diver's guide to Long Island beach sites, and Captain Steve Bielenda of the research vessel Wahoo are in the process of filming and editing videos on Long Island shipwrecks.

The first of the video series, which will document the USS San Diego which sunk July 19, 1918, is scheduled to be released in December of this year. The series will be tailored to the interests of sport divers, fishermen, and marine historians. Not only will underwater footage be shown, but also included are historical photos, drawings, artifacts and aquatic life. Details of the history behind each shipwreck will be narrated.

Other exciting videos soon to be produced include wrecks like the Luxury Liner Andrea Doria, Cunard Steamship Oregon, German Submarine U-853, Freighter Iberia, Prohibition Rumrunner Lizzie D, and many more.

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U.S. POWER SQUADRONS TO CONDUCT TWO FREE BOATING COURSES

The Hempstead Bay Power Squadron, will conduct a free course in boating, at the following high schools, starting at 8PM: North Valley Stream, October 6th and Hewlett High School, October 7th.

The course is open to men and women. Boat ownership is not required for anyone.

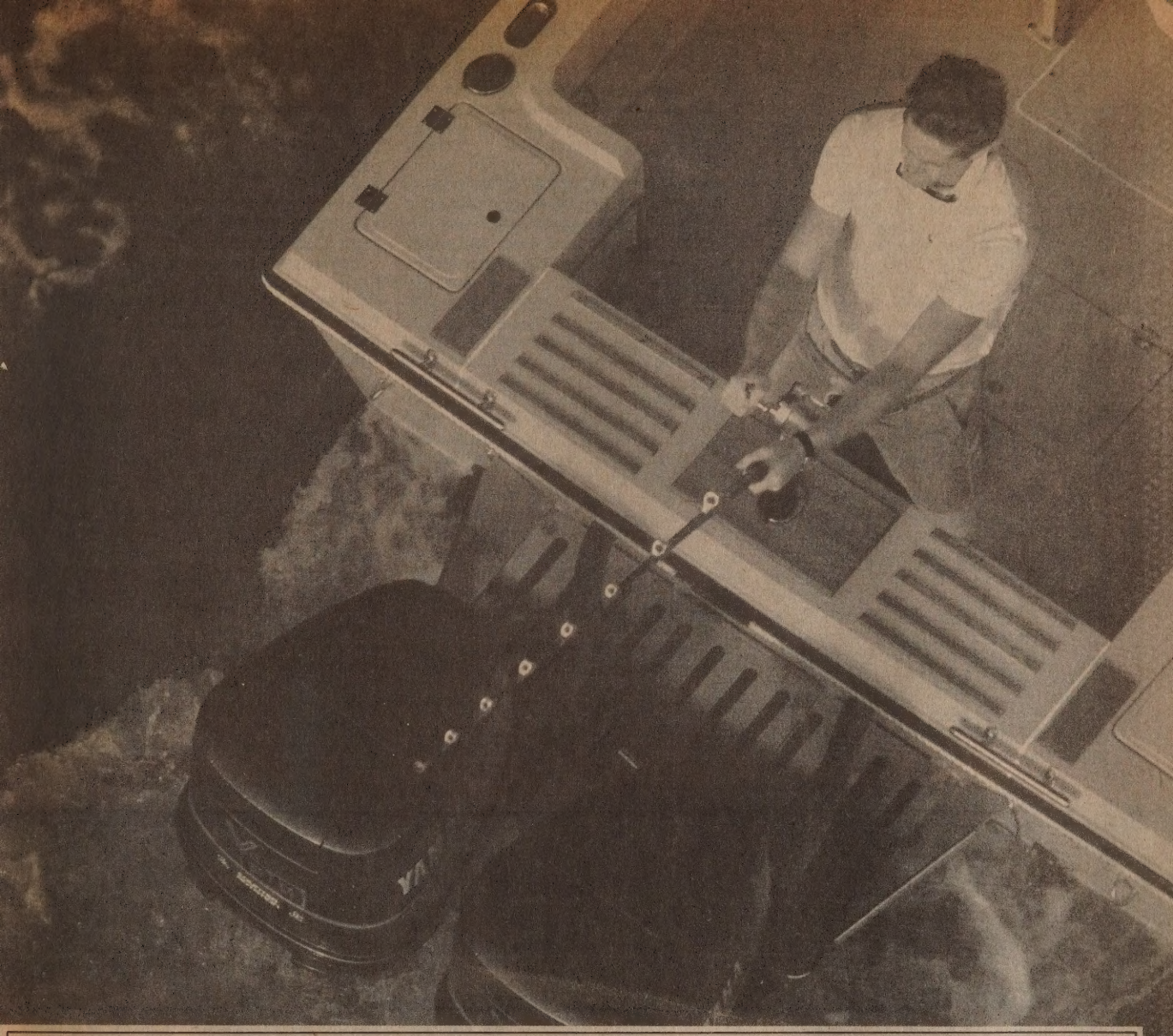
The free instruction given in our public Boating Course is the best way to learn the basics of safe boating. Take it, whether you own a sail or powerboat, are thinking of buying one, or enjoy boating with friends.

The 10-week course will include sailboat and powerboat handling, rules of the road, docking, anchoring, plotting on charts, compass use, trailering, weather, engine troubleshooting and water ski safety.

The Boating Course is taught as a public service. Instructors are volunteer members who have completed advanced courses and have taught how to make boating safer and more enjoyable.

ANGLERS BOYCOTT OCEAN DUMPERS

The Thousand Fathom Club, representing offshore fishermen from New York To Delaware, has declared a "national boycott of DuPont products." E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, based in Wilmington, Delaware, is one of only two chemical companies still dumping its wastes at sea. DuPont, however, also profits from the sale of fishing line and boat materials to ocean fishermen. Anglers who fish for marlin, tuna, swordfish and other pelagics in the canyons near where the company dumps its chemical wastes are now passing notice that DuPont can't have it both ways. They are urging fellow anglers around the country to join them in boycotting all DuPont



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products, beginning July 4th, until the company decides to stop using the sea as a dumping ground.

The nation's only offshore industrial waste dumping site (Deepwater Dumpsite 106) is located about 100 miles off the coast of southern New Jersey, where over 300,000 tons of acidic and organic wastes from chemical processes are disposed of each year. DuPont's present permit to dump at the site (made possible by a controversial court decision overturning the Ocean Dumping Act's original 1981 deadline for an end to all ocean dumping of harmful wastes) is set to expire in July. The company, however, is seeking to renew its permits and fishermen and environmentalists fear the federal Environmental Protection Agency, which recently designated the site to begin receiving seven tons of sewage sludge in 1988, will comply.

The National Coalition for Marine Conservation believes that efforts to put a halt to ocean dumping of toxic wastes must be increased as pressures mount to find "cheap" but temporary solutions to waste disposal problems. The cost of safer, land based alternatives, including the use of new technologies to neutralize toxic elements, only outweighs the cost of ocean disposal when the long term effects on the marine environment and ocean fisheries is ignored. The NCMC continues to support legislation in Congress to end ocean dumping once and for all. Meanwhile, the Thousand Fathom Club is justified in asking fishermen to let DuPont know in no uncertain terms that they care about the future of the ocean and expect DuPont to do the same.

FISHING PACKAGES TO BELIZE INCLUDE FLIGHTS FROM MIAMI

Fishing enthusiasts can reel in record catches with new vacation packages to Belize available through November 15th. The plans include flights from Miami International Airport via Challenge International Airlines and stays at choice of 14 hotels.

In addition to round trip Challenge flights, Belize "Fishing" packages include accommodations for 4, 6 and 8 days at selected resort; airport transfers; 2 to 4 full days of fishing, depending on length of stay; and individual hotel offerings.

Packages are priced per person, double occupany, from $504 to $1,654 for the shortest and longest stays, respectively, depending on hotel selected. Hotels available are Ambergris Lodge, Atlantis Reef, Captain Morgan's, Coral Beach, House of the Rising Sun, Journeys End Caribbean Club, Paradise Resort, Ramons Reef, Royal Palms, San Pedro Holiday, Sunbreeze, Victoria House, all on unspoiled Ambergris Caye in the Caribbean; Turneffe Island Lodge on Turneffe; and Pyramid Island Resort on Caye Chapel.

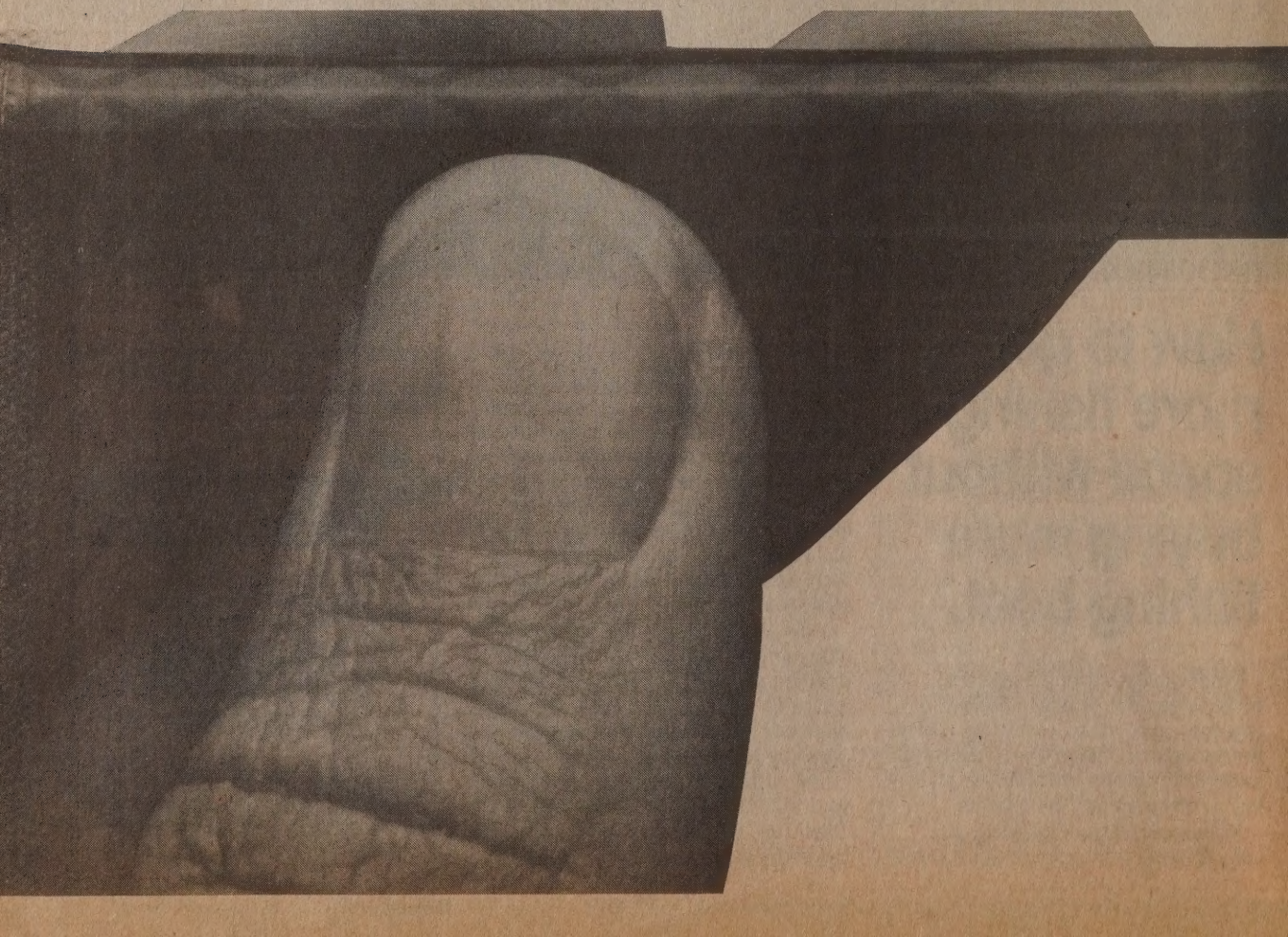
Optional excusions include a full day tour of Belize and the beautiful Mayan ruins of Xunantunich, the Capitol City of Belmopan and Mountain Pine Ridge from $50 per person; a two night inland jungle tour from $239 per person; a two night trip to the spectacular Tikal Mayan ruins in Guatemala, from $150 per person; and a combination tour of Belize and Tikal from $385 per person.

For reservations or more information, contact any travel agent; Challenge Air, U.S. toll free (800) 343-1222, in Miami, (305) 594-0017; or the tour operator, Ocean Connection, 16730 El Camino Real, Houston, Texas 77062, or phone U.S. toll free (800) 331-2458.

SGI MARINE REACHES PROMOTIONAL AGREEMENT WITH PLANO

SGI, manufacturer of personal flotation devices (PFDs) and Plano Molding Company, the leading name in tackle boxes, have joined forces to develop a promotional offer. Attached to all SGI Sportsman life vests will be a hangtag explaining how consumers can get $2 off Model 707 and $3 off the Phantom tackle box.

The SGI/Plano promotion is convenient and easy for both the consumer and the retailer. Customers send the proof of purchases from the PFD and tackle box to SGI's Processing Center



and the rebate check is then sent directly to the consumer. This promotion will run throughout the Spring and Summer of 1988.

SGI's new line of innovative, U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (PFDs) was introduced this summer and will be available in retail stores in the Spring of 1988.

IGFA TO EXPAND ALL TACKLE PROGRAM

If your favorite sport fish is not among the 151 species listed by the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) in their current world record programs, you may now have an opportunity to set an all tackle world record!

IGFA has announced that it is revising and expanding its all tackle world record program by opening it to game fish species not currently on their record lists (past catches included) and by reviewing well documented applications for past catches that exceed their current listings.

All tackle records are maintained for the heaviest fish of a species caught according to IGFA angling rules on any line up to 60 kg (130 lb) class. The listings are being expanded to recognize catches of species which, though popular in various fishing areas, have never been documented in a world record program. The evolution of the all tackle program to date has also excluded recognition of past catches in instances where new species have been added over the years.

Effective immediately, IGFA will begin accepting applications for "all tackle" recognition of species whether or not they are included among the world record species in the association's *1985 World Record Game Fishes* book. This applies to both freshwater and saltwater fishes.

Catches made on or after January 1, 1985 must be in accordance with the then current IGFA angling rules and world record requirements. The angler must complete the IGFA world record application form in its entirety and submit the required data and information.

For catches made in the past, as much information as possible must be submitted on an IGFA world record application form with additional substantiating data. It will be mandatory that acceptable photographs be submitted and that the weight of the fish can be positively verified and the method of catch substantiated.

Applications for "new species" must conform to the following requirements in addition to published IGFA rules:

1. The fish must represent a valid species with a recognized scientific name.

2. The fish must be a species commonly fished for with rod and reel in the general area where the catch is made.

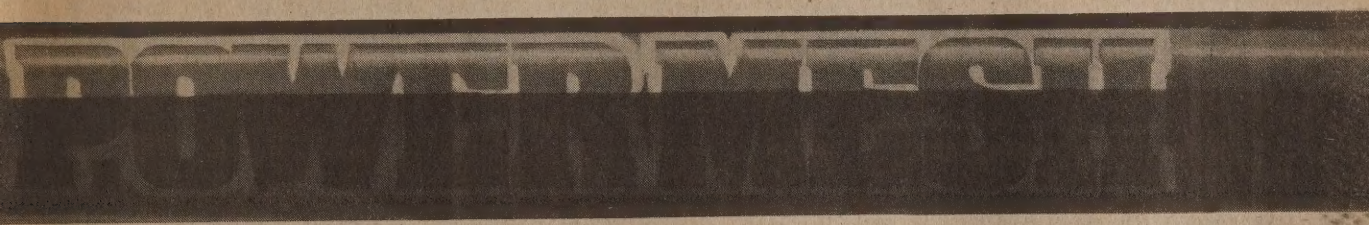
3. The fish must be identifiable based on photos and other supporting data presented with the application.

4. The fish must be considered "trophy sized." A rule of thumb will be that the weight must fall within the top half of the estimated maximum weight of the species. (The minimum weight requirement for any IGFA record is 1 lb./0.45 kg.)

The first new listing of all tackle records was announced in January, 1985, at which time appropriate certificates were issued for the largest approved catches. Entries in IGFA's Annual Fishing Contest (including validated entries from past years) will also be recognized or added to the record system during the calendar year of 1985.

"We are undertaking this revised and expanded record program," said IGFA President E.K. Harry, "in order to recognize all sport fish of interest to anglers worldwide and so that our all tackle listings will truly reflect the heaviest catches made in a sporting manner on rod and reel, whether past or present."

A current copy of IGFA world record rules and requirements is available for US $1 to cover cost, postage and handling. Address all requests and communications to: IGFA, World Record Department, 3000 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316-1616 USA.



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SHIMANO'S FULL LINE OF BAITRUNNER REELS

When Shimano introduced its revolutionary BaitRunner feature last season, a lot of fishermen got hooked on it. They liked the realistic way that BaitRunner let bait work naturally with the drag disengaged and the bail closed.

For 1987, the revolution continues. Shimano has introduced an entire line of BaitRunner reels, from ultra light to heavy-duty saltwater use.

"We wanted to offer a full line of reels with the BaitRunner feature," said Russ Johnson, communications manager for Shimano. "More people fish with bait than artificial lures, and with our new line of BaitRunners, we've got the right reel for everyone, regardless of what they're fishing for."

Here's how BaitRunner works. The angler activates the BaitRunner feature by flipping the BaitRunner lever to the "on" position, disengaging the drag. The angler then turns the tension adjustment knob to dial the optimum spool tension for the size bait or technique he's using. This will vary from total free spool to heavy. He then flips the BaitRunner lever to the "drag on" position and casts. With Shimano's high-speed gear ratios that vary from 4.2:1 to 5.2:1, the angler will spend less time retrieving, and more time fishing.

Instead of holding the line and working the bait, he simply closes the bail and returns the BaitRunner level to the "on" position. The bait is then free to drift or swim naturally.

When the fish hits, an audible strike alarm alerts the angler. After the fish takes the bait and it feels right, the angler either turns the handle or flips the lever to "drag on". The drag engages, and he sets the hook.

There are six models, ranging from the BT 150 ultra light to the heavy duty BT 650, and all feature Shimano's smooth front drag. Graphite/Titanium construction makes the spool, bodies, and rotors, light, strong, durable and totally non-corrosive. For the angler, this means more years of fishing from his equipment. A stainless steel ball bearing ensures quiet and smooth operation.

Anglers will appreciate the BioGrip stem, which has been ergonomically designed to naturally fit the hand, virtually eliminating the soreness from repeated casting.

X3 LUBE INTRODUCED TO U.S.

Mitchell's Exclusive X3 Lube has been introduced to the U.S. market for the very first time. The X3 Lube will be sold through peg board packaging along with four other popular accessory items.

Made in France, X3 Lube is world famous as a super marine lubricant. Proven effective in all weather conditions to protect against rust, corrosion, and to seal out moisture and condensation, X3 Lube keeps inner mechanisms dry and coated at all times. Prolong the life of all fine outdoor sports and marine equipment with Mitchell's exclusive X3 Lube.

Other accessories now available in peg board packaging include a replacement handle and extra spools for the 300 and 308, and Mitchell Reel Oil containing a special waxing agent which forms a waxy film for extra protection of all exterior moving parts. Mitchell Reel Oil is excellent for cleaning, lubrication and corrosion protection of all outdoor sports and marine equipment, and provides long-lasting protection.

For more information contact Mitchell Sports USA, Inc., 4220 Chambers Hill Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

MITCHELL INTRODUCES NEW BIG WATER/SALTWATER ROD SERIES

Mitchell's new Signature Series features big water and saltwater rods covering the full range of fishing needs with twelve models to choose from including a downrigger rod.

Spinning rods come in six models and all feature durable, black wire frame reinforced ceramic bridge guides. Sizes include a 6' 6" workhorse for pier and bay spin fishing, a 6', 7', 8', 9' and even a big 10' medium heavy surfcasting rod.

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Standard features for the Series include blank through handle construction, improved graphite design reel seat with stainless hoods, high density black EVA handles and high gloss black blanks with rich red deluxe wrappings.

SHAKESPEARE'S SIGMA TOURNAMENT CLASS LINE

Shakespeare is proud to present its Sigma Tournament Class premium monofilament. For freshwater or big water, Sigma is a tough competitor that meets the challenge—and wins!

The result of years of monofilament research, Sigma Tournament Class has a diameter and finish that are laser-tuned to ensure consistency and smooth casting. With a shock strength equal to that of larger-diameter lines, it's as tough a monofilament as you will find.

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RANGER LIGHTWADES WADERS

A new line of moderately priced LightWades chestwaders and hip boots, which incorporate Cordura fabric tops and one-piece, molded boot bottoms, is new from Ranger Rubber Company in '87.

Ideal for fishing, hunting, and trapping, LightWades chestwaders and hip boots are available in brown and camouflage and insulated and non-insulated styles. Also, each style is available with either nylon felted or cleated outsoles in whole sizes 6 to 13. The chestwaders come in short, regular, and long proportioned uppers for a comfortable, tailored-like fit.

All LightWades waders and hip boots have a full-cushion insole for comfort and warmth as well as nylon tricot net linings for east on and off.

The insulated styles incorporate Thermal R insulation, a space-age, metalized material consisting of a thin foam blanket and highly reflective covering. A thinner-than-a-penny layer of Thermal R insulation provides the warmth of 3/4 inches of goose down.

Specially formulated urethane coatings are applied to the Cordura uppers to make them waterproof. Seams are heat sealed and face the outside to minimize chafing.

The Cordura tops are light, flexible, and extremely durable. They have excellent resistance to punctures from such sharp objects as thorns and briars. The hip boots have extra heavy-duty straps which adjust at the belt for different length inseams.

The molded boots are specially designed by Ranger for flexibility, comfort, and durability. They have reinforced ankle, toe, and heel bumpers for strength and protection.

All LightWades styles carry a limited, five-year warranty.

Made in the U.S., each pair of LightWades waders is quality tested before leaving Ranger's manufacturing facilities.

For further information, write Ranger Rubber Company, 1100 East Main Street, Endicott, NY 13760.

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J&L Manufacturing of Highland Park, Illinois announces the introduction of their new "Line-In-Reeler." A simple, easy to use device that allows fishermen to transfer fishing line to their reels without the usual tangles and twists.

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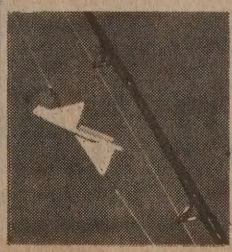

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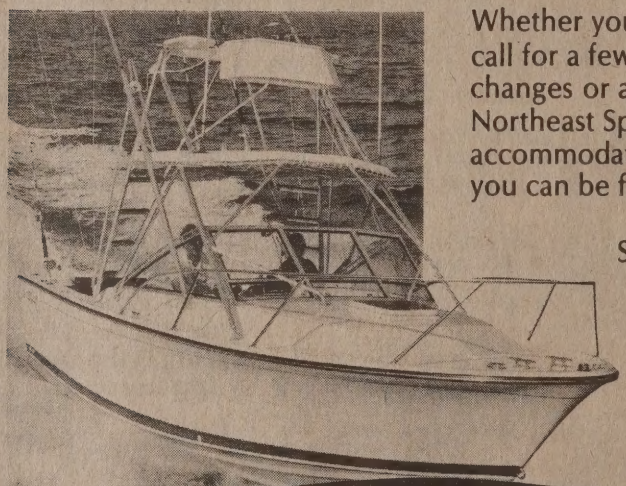

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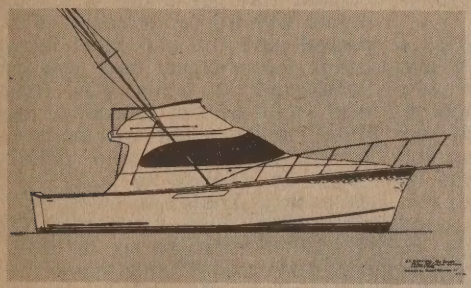

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The all new Runaway 33 Flybridge, sistership to the Legendary 36, will make its Fall Debut at the Norwalk Boat Show. Runaway Marine's quality reputation to produce serious fishing machines will make this new 33 a must see. While at the show, view the Runaway 36!

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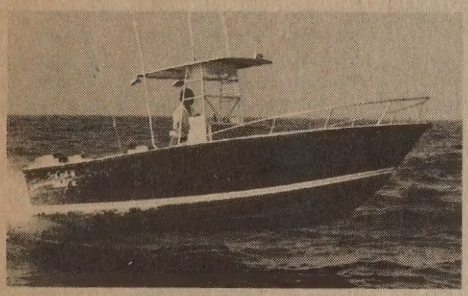

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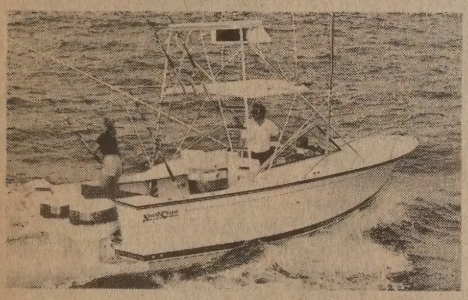

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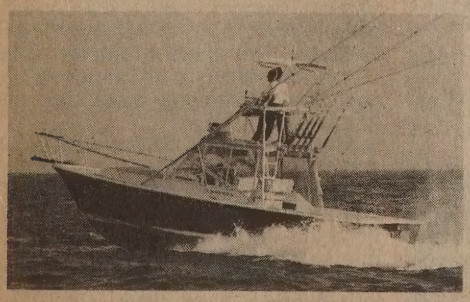

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HYDRA - SPORTS 3300 C.C. CABIN

by John Raguso

My trip down to Hydra-Sports' Nashville, Tennessee boatbuilding facility this past July was meant to acquaint me with the factory complex, where I could observe this company construct their quality saltwater boats firsthand. Little did I realize that I would also be hitching a ride on the prototype of their new bluewater flagship.

This aggressive hull design is a brainchild of this Tennessee-based company's new management team. C.E.O. Bob Moore decided to bring the quality level of Hydra-Sports saltwater products up a notch after he bought the company about a year and a half ago. He and company President Bob Collins worked closely with their design team to come up with an offshore hull that could run at speed in almost any weather condition short of gale force winds that would be encountered by fishermen along the Gulf or Atlantic Coasts. The prototype was lofted and constructed by then-production manager, Rick Axt, formerly of Robalo and Hatteras fame and the result is a 33' x 9½' stiletto that carries 24 degrees of deep vee deadrise at the transom. Although hull number one was manufactured from some high tech materials such as tri-axial weave fiberglass reinforcement and other classified proprietary elements, the standard production boat will be built with the more conventional fiberglass mat/woven roving and polyester resin components, with DuPont's space age Kevlar reinforcement fiber as an option.

The test boat was powered by a pair of OMC 275 hp looper V-8 outboards attached to the transom via a fiberglass Tran-Tech bracket mount. Nashville's Perry Priest Lake will never be the same, as the local fish population at this test site was no doubt scared out of their wits by this screamer and that includes a good share of the local residents! You had to see the look on their faces as this 33 foot behemoth was trailered down to the launching ramp, dwarfing the fleet of 17 foot long bass boats.

Before I had a chance to test drive the 3300, I piloted one of Hydra-Sports' 2500 Walkarounds powered by a single 275 Evinrude V-8 outboard which was the designated chase/camera boat. Doing a quick mental rundown of power-to-length-to-weight ratios in my head, I figured that the 2500 should have no trouble keeping up with her big sister. Boy, was I mistaken. The big 33 consistently zipped by my boat as if I were at idle speed, and that was with my throttle pinned! Not only was the 33 that quick, but she could also turn inside of my 25 and do so at practically full throttle without losing her bite in the turns!

Although the 3300 does not possess the lines and layout of a traditional sportfisherman, there are many unique features to the deck arrangement. The layout of this Hydra-Sports is formulated along the center console cabin design popularized in the 70s by Pacemaker and Aquasport, and her hull shows the influence of the Charlie Jannace designed Blackfin 32, but make no mistake about it, the 3300 CCC is her own boat setting her own trends.

Starting in the business end of the cockpit, the 3300 features a 75 square foot section aft of the helm, which should accommodate whatever fighting chair you please, although a Pompanette SF 80 chair was used as the design influence here. Underneath the cockpit sole lies a trio of compartments, with the centermost a circular livewell and the outermost storage boxes for whatever gear you want handy, but out of the way. There's also an aft fishbox forward of these three hatches that will house an assortment of offshore pelagics within its massive 75" x 29" x 18" dimensions. There's dry storage in the transom in-wall for a pair of oil reservoirs, in addition to six batteries if your need requires this many. These are all raised above the bilge level and are easily accessed via latched compartment doors. Directly above this battery compartment is a 6 foot plus transom fold-down teak bench seat/sun lounge for those days when the fish aren't biting or when family beach buggy duty calls.

The console measures 53" wide by 57" high by 56" deep, and includes a forward accessed stand-up head, accessed by an attractive 1/2 inch thick curved radius acrylic sliding hatch. Although there's no built-in electronics storage area to speak of, the optional tower provides a massive overhead radio box that should house most of your electronics out of the weather.

Forward of the console under deck is another massive insulated box that specs out at 69" x 38" x 23" that can house more of your catch or perhaps a generator for overnight forays to the canyon. The cabin features twin bunks that are 88" in length by 81" in width and you could probably sleep three here if they were friendly. There are also two upper bunks which fold up from below to house a group of 5 overall. There's 70" of headroom here, in addition to a small dinette which comes equipped with a microwave oven and a stainless steel sink with hot and cold water.

Freeboard aft is a comfortable 29" and the cockpit width at this section is 92". Freeboard amidships is 30" and the cockpit sole is equipped with the same aggressive non-skid pattern that Hydra-Sports is famous for.

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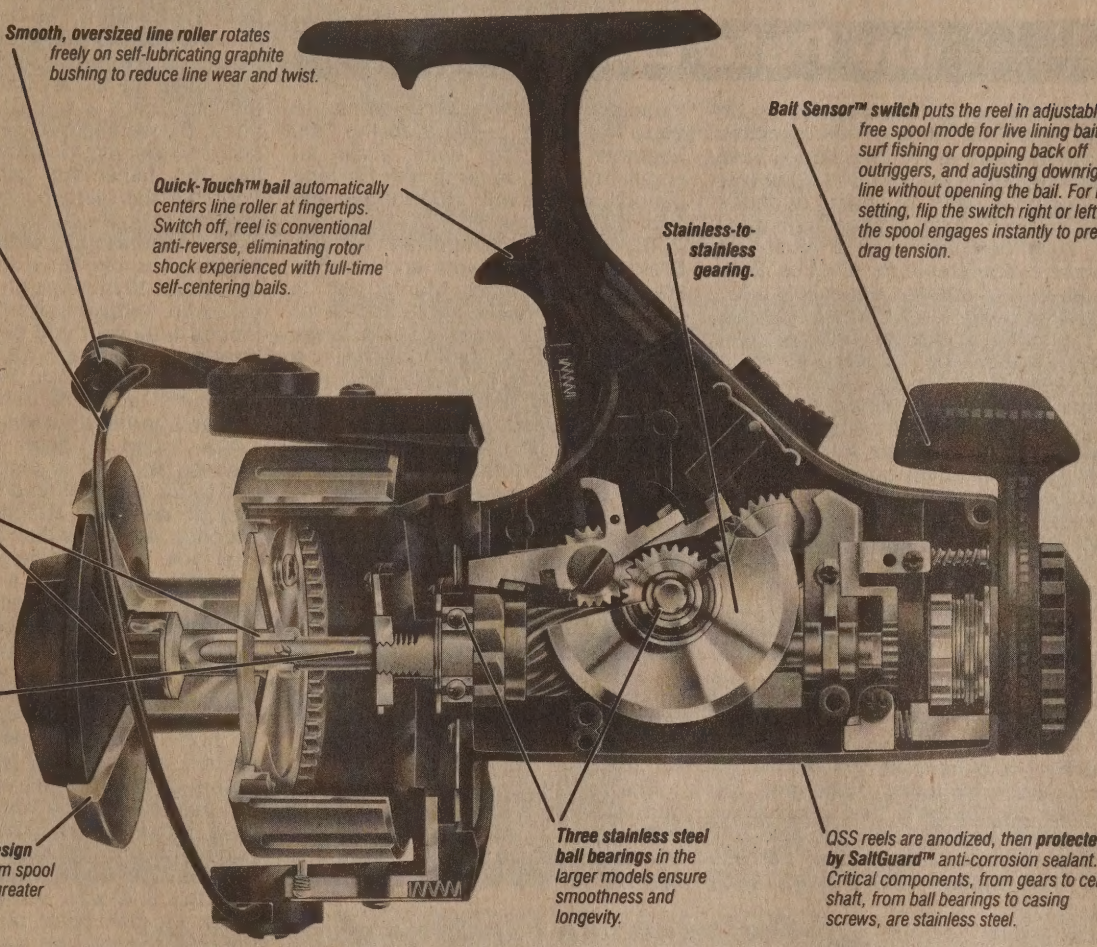

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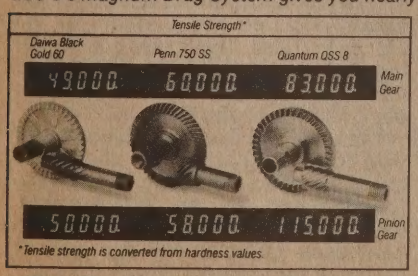

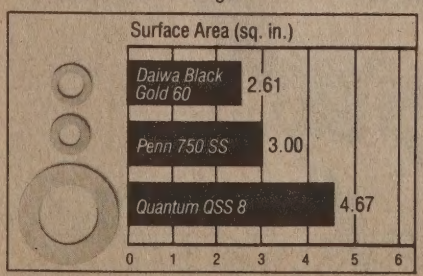

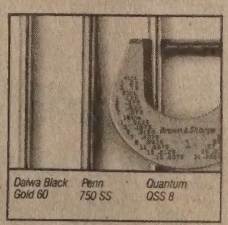

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Product Review

BRAID BELTS AND HARNESSES

by Pete Barrett

Gimbal belts have been an essential part of fishing for decades. Trollers use them for big striped bass, chopper blues or tuna; drift fishermen use gimbal belts for sharks or chunking yellowfin tuna. A good, high quality belly belt has been a must-have piece of equipment for all of us. Belts add a lot of comfort especially when fighting a big fish and the proper use of a belt also makes sure we don't add an extra belly button or return home from a fishing trip black and blue as if you lost the war.

Well made gimbal belts have been around for a long time with manufacturers to be found on both the East and West Coasts, but California long range anglers are generally credited with taking the concept of belly belts one step further along the evolutionary path. Braid Products has designed a belly belt system that suits both the inshore light tackle angler and the offshore angler who slugs it out with truly big fish like bigeye, yellowfin and bluefin tuna of better than 200 pounds.

Dennis Braid is an active angler himself and he used his own ideas and those of fellow fishermen to modernize the belly belt in construction, form and efficiency. He also added a complementary kidney harness to the system that saves back muscles and allows the fisherman to apply maximum pressure to the fish. Together the two units allow an angler to work on large fish for long periods of time with little fatigue and a lot of power.

There are two gimbal belts in the Braid lineup: the Manta and the Pro-Manta. The smaller Manta belt is ideal for trolling with lighter tackle for blues and bass, small inshore tunas and small sharks. The Pro-Manta is a larger belt and is, of course, designed for larger fish like bigeyes, marlin, yellowfin, albacore and large sharks.

Each belt is molded from special polyethylene plastics for light weight, but excellent durability. A layer of closed cell foam is firmly secured to the back to help cushion the pressure while fighting a fish. The shape of each belt is designed to spread the load across the front of the angler's hips for maximum comfort. A Velco backed nylon webbed strap is infinitely adjustable to fit all sizes of fishermen. The gimbals are especially comfortable since they are molded to fit the body contours of hips and upper thighs.

The second part of the Braid system relies on a kidney style harness that uses a special foam cored material inside a nylon weave. The harness is held in place across the fisherman's lower back. All hardware is stainless steel, chromed bronze or Delran so corrosion is not a problem and clean up is easy. Webbed waist straps are nylon and are adjustable to fit around nearly any fisherman. The harness is available in a large and small size.

The first time I used both the harness and the belt was last season on yellowfin tuna. It was like someone turned on a light! The Braid theory is to lower the rod butt to a gimbal belt that rests on the angler's thighs and then uses the kidney harness across the lower back to free up the angler's arms. By leaning back to lift the rod and then leaning forward to reel in the line the fisherman can effectively fight his fish with convenience and minimal fatigue.

The system works well. Without the harness and belt most fishermen will last about 10 minutes on a 100 pound yellowfin. With the Braid system we landed tuna over 200 pounds on our boat last season and also fished light gear taking tuna up to 151 pounds on 20 pound tackle by using the Braid belt and harness system.

We found it best to have the harness and belt in place and strapped to the angler ahead of time. Even though easy to attach, those few seconds at the initial hook-up can cost you a fish if the fisherman is struggling to get into a harness and belt. Having the belt in place ahead of the strike of a fish assured a greater number of solid hook-ups.

A lot of tuna are lost at the end of the battle when they make a sudden dash under the boat and get wrapped in props or rudders. With the Braid system we were able to get the rod butt quickly out of the belt to get the rod pointed into the water. We might have looked funny leaning on the gun'l with rod butt tucked under our arm, but the rod tip was in the water and the line was below the props. When the fish came out from under the boat the rod butt was again dropped into the gimbal. The lugs on the kidney harness were never touched and stayed in place the entire time.

For 1987 Braid added a new twist: the Pro-Manta belt with drop straps. By removing the original Velco waist belt and replacing it with a drop strap at each end the gimbal can be positioned even lower to rest across the thighs just above the knees. The drop straps clip into the D rings on the kidney harness. This lower position of the belt adds to the comfort and fishability of the system and is designed for bigger fish.

I've used the Braid gimbal belts for wire line and downrigger trolling, tuna chunking and sharking and have found them to be comfortable, durable and easy to keep clean. The harnesses complement the system perfectly for tuna and shark fishing.

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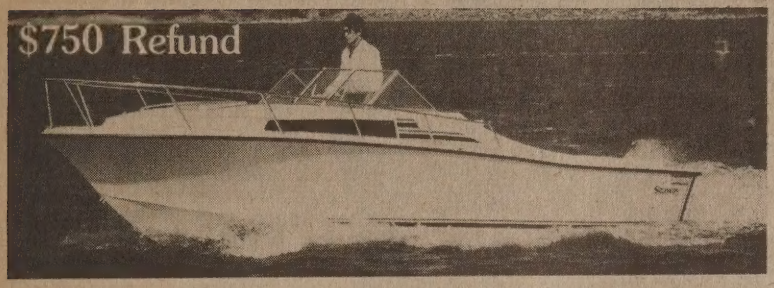

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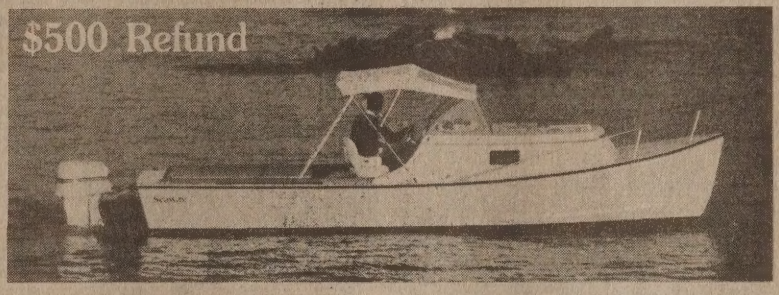

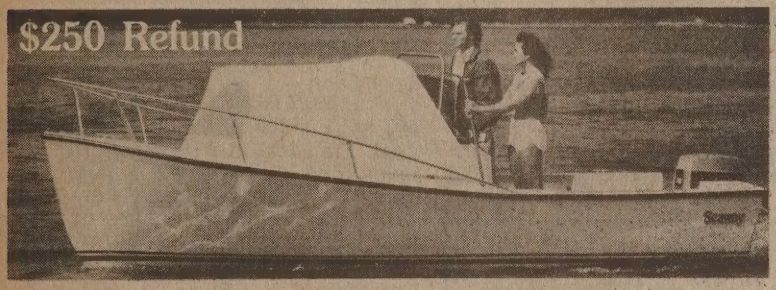

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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

Dear Doc,

I've come across something that really bothers me. As you may know from my previous letters, I am an avid largemouth bass fisherman. I fish this one local lake all the time. So far this year I've caught four bass with black tags in their mouths. A friend also has caught one and some other people we have spoken with have also had fish with these tags in their mouths. All of the bass were between 4½ to 7 pounds.

Many of these fish have red sores or were infected around the area where the tag is stuck. I and the people I've talked with have been cutting out these tags so that maybe the fish will survive. Is it illegal to put tags on these fish and, if so, how can we get this person or persons to stop?

Obviously, whoever is tagging these fish must be a good bass angler because all of the fish are large. I'm just concerned because this could affect the bass population in the lake by killing off most of the breeders. At least this person is returning the fish into the lake like myself, but why not return the fish in their natural state?

Wayne Rigg.

Dear Wayne,

I've contacted the Fish and Game Department which has jurisdiction over the freshwater lake you fish. They are not involved with any tagging on this particular lake, so it seems that your guess about an individual or club possibly tagging these fish is the case.

Tagging can become a touchy situation when fish are caught that have sores or infectious looking growth around the area where the tag is placed. However, biologists tell me that most sores of this nature are not life threatening. I've seen this situation on tagged bluefish, but the sores looked minor. In the case of the bass that you are catching, you don't mention how severe the sores look. It seems to me, though, that the fish must still be fairly healthy if they are going after your jig or bait.

The tags that are on these bass may be too big for the fish. Most state departments have tags that unwind as the fish grows so as not to harm the fish. If you remember those corned beef tin cans with the key attached to open the can, these tags work much the same. The tag unwinds like the tin sliver does after the top of the can is off.

Tagging of fish by individuals or clubs is not illegal, but hopefully the tagging is done for a purpose. Tagging is very important to biologists and scientists. As you know, it helps determine the life history of a species of fish by recording information about the fish when it was first caught and then later when it is recaptured. Information gathered and compared gives the biologist an idea of growth rates, migrational patterns (if applicable) and life expectancy. The ultimate purpose of tagging should be to determine how to best utilize this precious resource without destroying it. Some fish that are tagged may die as a result of it, but most do not. There are a lot of fish out there like tuna, sharks, bluefish and largemouth bass that may be in someone's cooler if the fisherman didn't have the incentive to tag and release the fish. By the way, please don't cut off the tags since you may be ruining someone's scientific study.

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Dear Doc,

I have recently found how effective trolling can be for catching bluefish, weakfish and most other inshore game fish. However, I often get tangles when trying to fish more than two flat lines. I thought the problem was solved when I purchased my new boat which included outriggers but with no instructions on how to rig them. The outriggers came with two wood clips and two glass rings. Could you please tell me how to rig them so I can fish the two flat lines and the two outrigger lines? *Scott Radke.*

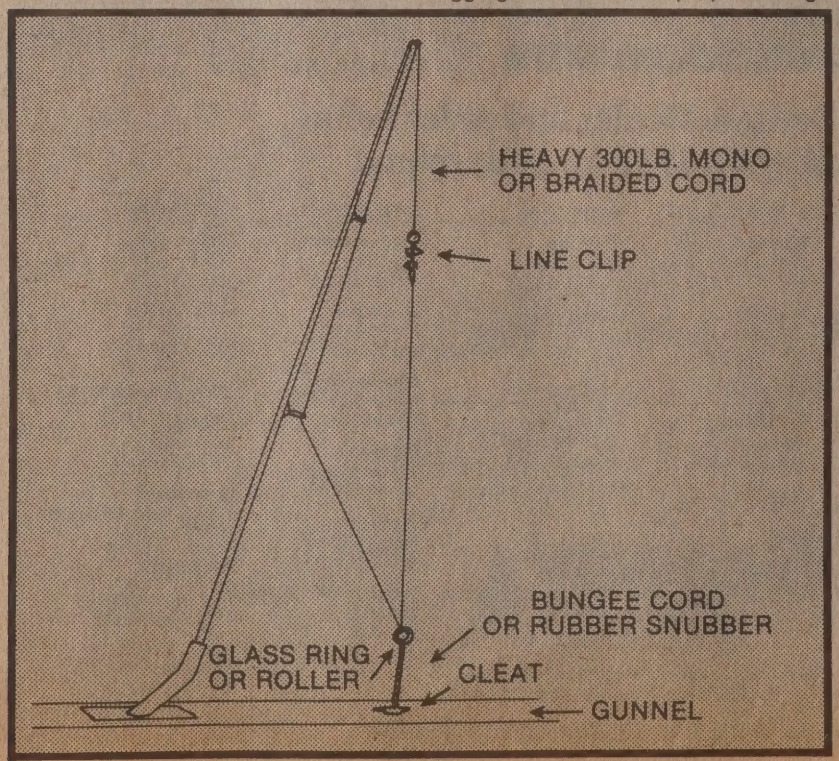
Dear Scott,

You don't say how far out you are letting your flat lines run behind the boat. Flat lines are supposed to be fished only 20 to 40 feet behind the boat. If you are letting out more line than this, then your chances of getting tangled increases greatly. Also, you have to make sure that as you turn your boat that it is a wide turn. Sharper turns only result in lines crossing one another.

The outrigger is set up as a pulley to take the line out away from the boat. The setup consists of a bungee cord or rubber snubber attached at one end to a small gunnel cleat and the other end to the glass ring (or a roller guide).

The outrigger itself should be threaded with heavy 300 pound monofilament or braided cord. Both ends of the mono or cord are attached to the line clip. This completes the circle. Now you can attach your fishing line to the outrigger line clip and feed it out to the end of the outrigger line by pulling on the cord. The glass ring with its smooth surface allows the cord to flow freely and completes the pulley ystem. You should be ready to fish without tangles now. Just in case I haven't described it well enough, please refer to the diagram.

The rubber snubber and outrigger cord are available at most tackle shops. Go in and ask the person behind the counter for some help and you'll do just fine.



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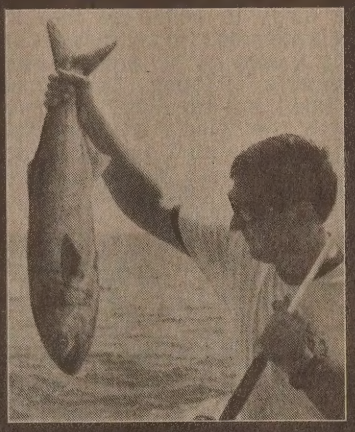

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

In the July 30th-August 5th issue of The Fisherman, I answered a letter from Mark McClane concerning boat operation in the fog. Several readers were quick to point out that the signals mentioned in my answer were wrong. I used my old and treasured Chapman's "Piloting, Seamanship and Small Boat Handling," but unfortunately, the Rules of the Road have changed since 1972 when my copy was printed. I now have an updated version and it will help keep my mistakes to a minimum.

The following letter was typical and explains the current and proper fog signals.

Dear Eric,

The answer you wrote to Mark McClane regarding fog signals (rule #35) was totally incorrect and perhaps quite dangerous.

I do believe Mark and other readers may be better served if you would recommend that they attend classes given by the power squadron in their area. Fishing and cruising, etc., must always be a by-product of prudent seamanship.

Regarding Mark's question:

1. Mark's vessel might have been out of hearing distance of other vessels.

2. There is no return fog signal required by the Rules of the Road.

3. Perhaps other vessels in the area chose to remain silent because they, like Mark, had absolutely no understanding of the rule #35.

4. A power driven vessel underway making way shall sound 1 long blast every 2 minutes.

5. A vessel towed (if manned) shall sound 4 blasts, namely 1 long and 3 short blasts, immediately after the towing vessel has sounded 1 long and 2 short blasts every 2 minutes.

6. There is absolutely no fog signal or clear visibility signal of 4 short and rapid blasts. However, there is a fog signal (optional) of 4 short blasts indicating a pilot vessel on duty.

7. A vessel aground shall sound the appropriate anchor signal for her length and in addition she shall sound 3 strokes of the bell, a rapid ringing of the bell for 5 seconds, followed by 3 strokes of the bell in that order. She may also sound (optional) 2 short blasts followed by 1 long blast.

8. There is, however, the danger signal (rule #34) not less than 5 short and rapid blasts on the whistle. This signal can be and must be used by either power or sailing vessels when in doubt of each other's intentions and in sight of each other.

Keep those articles going. Really enjoy "Dock Lines."

Captain Irv Levine.

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Dear Eric,

In The Fisherman, July 16-22, 1987, No. 29, there was an article written by John Raguso entitled "Chunking Time at the Canyons," pg. 46, which mentions a canyon cooler fish bag.

This really caught my eyes because I do a lot of drum fishing every year at Cape Charles, Virginia. I'm sure you are aware that finding a cooler to hold those black drum is quite difficult. I was wondering if these bags will be suitable to bring the drum back up the road to Baltimore?

Thank you very much for all you do and the information you supply us!

W. Bowman.

Dear Mr. Bowman:

I am sure the Canyon Coolers would work perfectly with those big black drum from Cape Charles. The tuna models, either the 5 foot long yellowfin bag or the 7 foot long bigeye bag should serve your purpose.

You can find out all about these bags by writing Canyon Products, 25 New York Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743 or phone (516) 549-9489. There was a product review in Issue No. 27, July 2nd-8th by John Raguso that will also fill you in on many of the details about these coolers.

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Dear Eric,

My question is about boat trailers. I have an aluminum 1975 Starcraft Holiday, 14 foot boat with a 35 hp Evinrude with remote steering and electric start. It's a closed bow type of boat with a wraparound windshield, carpeted wooden flooring and two back-to-back seats.

The dry weight of the boat is 390 pounds and the motor weighs 117 pounds. So, as you can see, with gas, battery, electronics and some gear, this boat is somewhat heavy. I often have a hard time pushing the boat off my trailer, which has carpeted bunks.

I've spoken with several trailer dealers and the people at Starcraft and they all do not recommend using an all-roller trailer on an aluminum boat. They claim the rivets will wear out from constant travel across the rollers.

However, in the July 23, 1987 issue of your magazine, Art Michaels wrote an article "Rig Your Boat For Blues" and in it he says he has a 16 foot aluminum center console on a roller trailer. Has he had any problems with this setup? Do many other people have aluminum boats on roller trailers?

Steve Kozakiewicz.

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Dear Steve,

I spoke with Art Michaels and he said his roller trailer and aluminum boat have performed perfectly together over the past two years. He has no trouble with the rivets or with sets put in the metal bottom by the rollers.

Art said he knows about the warnings on roller trailers and aluminum boats, but chose the rollers over the bunks because it is so much easier to launch and recover. His boat is a 16 foot Smoker Craft center console which is at least as heavy as your 14 footer.

I have used both the bunk style trailer and the roller types. I had the bunk trailer for my 4 foot MirroCraft and a roller trailer under my 21 foot Starcraft Mariner. I would not want to hand crank a 21 foot boat onto a bunk trailer but the job was relatively easy with the 14 footer. I experienced none of the problems associated with roller trailers and aluminum boats during the two years I had the Mariner.

You have done the proper thing by contacting the manufacturers. If they say problems can result from using a roller trailer and an aluminum boat, you can be sure they have seen these problems firsthand. The roller trailer will help you get the boat on and off but be aware of the possible problems.

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Dear Eric,

I have an Impulse Micro Trac video fish finder in need of repair. Could you or the readers of The Fisherman tell me if I can get this unit repaired locally. I bought the unit used and it worked fine for one season, but this year the picture tube did not light up.

Joe Yarosis.

Dear Joe,

I contacted the Impulse Manufacturing Co., 329 Railroad Avenue, Pittsburg, California 94565; (415) 439-2072 and they told me there are no authorized repair facilities outside of their factory. You should pack the unit in a sturdy box and ship it insured to the above address, attention Service Department. Include a letter explaining exactly what is wrong and they will repair the unit within a two or three day period. If the unit is no longer under warranty you may wish to call or write for their current labor rate and to find out how you make arrangements to pay these charges; i.e., C.O.D., check, money order, etc.

While there are no factory authorized repair facilities, there may be a marine electronics shop in your area that has personnel capable of fixing your unit. Be very careful when selecting such a repair shop because the wrong person can really mess up your depthfinder.

SOUNDING OFF

by Ted Keatley

The author has lived close to western Long Island Sound for 40 years and written about fishing there for 30 years.

"So long, it's been good to know you,/But I've got to be movin' along."

Who made that song popular? Woodie Guthrie? In any event, it is an appropriate opening for my last piece on fishing in Western Long Island Sound. By the time that this issue reaches readers, I will be a resident of Englewood, Florida. I came to the conclusion that I no longer needed to accept the wintry winds of the Northeast.

I have had a boat in the western end of Long Island Sound for 40 years and have written about fishing these waters for more than 30 seasons. Now I will be a pilgrim in "faraway places with strange sounding names," such as Lemon Bay, Port Charlotte Harbor, Boca Grande Pass and the Gulf of Mexico.

My by-line first appeared in The Fisherman during 1973 and I have wrtten regularly since early 1976. I have enjoyed a very pleasant relationship with the magazine's staff over the years and I hope that readers have found my columns interesting and helpful.

So much for sentiment. I am sure that readers are more interested in September fishing prospects.

Although fluke fishing will taper off by the end of this month, September and a good bit of October provide the best action of the year with porgies and bluefish, particularly in terms of size. This has been another fantastic bluefish season with choppers of all sizes plentiful. One of the primary reasons is the good supply of food. Sand eels, spearing, bunkers and several other types of baitfish assure plenty of "free lunch" to keep the bluefish with us. Some who live near the harbors and coves which experienced a menhaden die-off in the hot, humid weather of late July and early August may say that there are too many bunkers.

Week after week of hot weather with the limited breeze from the southwest to the southeast consistently always spells late summer problems with low oxygen levels in the water. This year, sewage treatment plant malfunctions in several North Shore Long Island communities aggravated the situation further. At one point, commercial lobstermen in the more westerly areas complained that they were pulling their traps to find only dead lobsters. This was due to the same deficient oxygen problem that plagues the watermen who crab in Chesapeake Bay. Each year, the "dead" area of the Bay has been increasing during late summer and shifting currents can convert a productive area into a death trap overnight. The Federal Government and conservation officials from Connecticut and New York are exploring the causes of the Long Island Sound difficulty. Let us hope that it is an aberration caused by the season's unusual weather pattern and not the start of a chronic condition similar to the Chesapeake Bay situation.

The author strikes a familiar pose.

In several recent columns, I have noted that I have forsaken bunker dunkin' and chunk baiting for trolling with a Periwinkle hair jig. As this is written well into August, I have yet to use bait for bluefish. With the exception of a few fish caught on plugs and the use of an umbrella during the first three trips last May, all bluefish to

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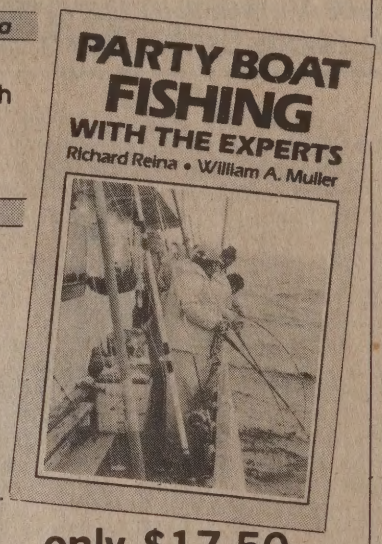

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come into my boat have made the mistake of grabbing a hair jig.

Although I used wire when fishing deep water during the early part of the season, I rarely have had a monel outfit in the boat since mid-June. I will use wire if it is the only game in town, but I don't like it. Hooking big alligators on 100 feet of mono in shallow water provides a great deal more sport than catching school fish with 200 to 300 feet of wire.

In prior articles, I suggested running 125 feet of mono when trolling a hair jig in shallow water and this probably is the most effective length. However, it can present problems when you are in a crowded area. Under these circumstances, I have used only 80 to 100 feet and seemingly have not seriously affected my success.

The first Saturday in August provided a good example of the troubles you might encounter while trolling. I found the fish on the west side of Red Rock at the entrance to Greenwich Harbor. For the first few trolls, there were no other boats in the area and we were hooking fish on every pass. I was quite pleased because Bernie O'Brien and his two sons, Shawn and Bernie Junior, had come from Pennsylvania to catch bluefish. As usual on a weekend, an armada soon converged. Four boats anchored so that I no longer could troll the productive area. However, the real bane of my existence was a middle-aged man in a 13 foot Whaler. He was one of the first to arrive and followed me so closely that I could have hit him with a well aimed sinker (perhaps I should have done so). As soon as my boat hooked a fish, he would throw out an anchor with one hand, a chunk bait with another. Before long, he hauled anchor and was on my tail again.

Interestingly, although about 15 other boats were casting, livelining and chunking at Red Rock, the only one that I saw catching fish was a friend who was trolling a Periwinkle.

The following Tuesday was the only time that I regretted not having bait. Although Bernie O'Brien had returned home, the two boys were still with me. I might have had trouble getting rid of them before school opened if it were not for a family vacation to begin that week. Even so, I think that they were seriously weighing the advantages of a trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown and a week in Hilton Head against the opportunity to do more bluefishing.

The blues were not cooperating that morning and the fish box was empty until a CB call from Jim Stewart alerted me to action between Greenwich Point Park Beach and Flat Neck Point. Although there were only two boats there, they were anchored and fishing with plugs and chunks. Unfortunately for me, the school was concentrated in a small area up against the grass and I could not lay a troll properly without getting too close to the other boats and interfering with their fishing. They had continuous

action while trolling the outside perimeter of the combat zone provided only occasional strikes. We did take three large blues and two striped bass and lost several more. However, it would have been much more productive if I could have anchored close to shore and fished bait.

The two striped bass were not unusual. Since early July, I have released at least one striper on the majority of trips even though boat speed and the Periwinkle jig are not the ideal combination for striped bass fishing. The fish have ranged from about 19 inches to over 20 pounds.

The majority of the Western Long Island Sound striped bass are part of the Hudson River population which had had a dramatic increase in numbers since the river was closed to commercial fishing in 1976. Although 1985 and 1986 spawning success was not particularly good, several prior seasons produced exceptionally successful year classes. Of course, the real striped bass problem centers on Chesapeake Bay which normally accounts for 70 to 80 percent of the Atlantic Coast total. There hasn't been a major year class in the bay since the early 1970s and 1982 was the only spring with a moderately successful young of the year survival rate. Although the survey figures obtained by the Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources in their standardized tally of spawning success last year was somewhat encouraging, it was also deceptive. A very high survival rate in the Potomac River obscured the fact that test seining results in a number of other major spawning streams were very poor.

There is no doubt that Federally mandated conservation measures along the whole Atlantic Coast are a positive step. However, striped bass have been subject to extreme cyclic abundance fluctuations as far back as records are available. A certain combination of water temperature and salinity apparently is essential for the early development of the newly hatched fry. The 1934 dominant year class ended a long period of population decline. Was it only coincidence that the winter of 1933-34 was one of the coldest recorded in modern times? I was a teenager living in lower Westchester County then and I recall that there was almost continuous sleigh riding from the day after Christmas until early March. To quote George Goebel, "You can't hardly get that kind any more!"

When this issue reaches readers, there should be a firm implementation date for the new Connecticut striped bass regulations. Basically, they will duplicate those in New York with a bag limit of one fish per day and a 33 inch minimum.

A friend recently commented that a bluefish which I had given to him tasted so much better than others that he had received. I think that the answer is obvious. Unlike the majority of local fishermen, I always carry a big cooler and plenty of ice. Too many bluefish lay in the bottom of a boat for half a day after being caught. With the hot, humid weather of this summer, these fish are better suited for lobster bait than human consumption when they come off the boat.

A bluefish would be even better eating if it were bled immediately. However, this would be a rather messy operation on my 20 foot boat.

Earlier this year, I expressed concern about the fact that snappers were not too plentiful in 1985 and 1986. Was this an indication that the tremendous bluefishing of recent years was coming to an end? Like the striped bass, bluefish are subject to cycles of abundance. They disappeared along the Atlantic Coast after the Hurricane of 1938 and did not return until the late 1940s. These were small fish for the most part and a fish over 10 pounds was a rarity for some years.

Western Long Island Sound fishermen now take good bluefishing for granted. However, they should remember that prior to 1956, there was little but tailor blues in the Sound and even these oversize snappers were not too plentiful.

To get back to my original point, hordes of snappers swarmed into the harbors by the end of July, so I guess that we can postpone worrying about a bluefish decline for another year.

It is with somewhat mixed emotions that I end this final article on Long Island Sound fishing. There is little that I can say except...Good-bye, good luck and good fishing!

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MIXED RIGS FOR A MIXED BAG

by Brian Mulholland

Blackfish and sea bass are perfect candidates for "mixed rigs."

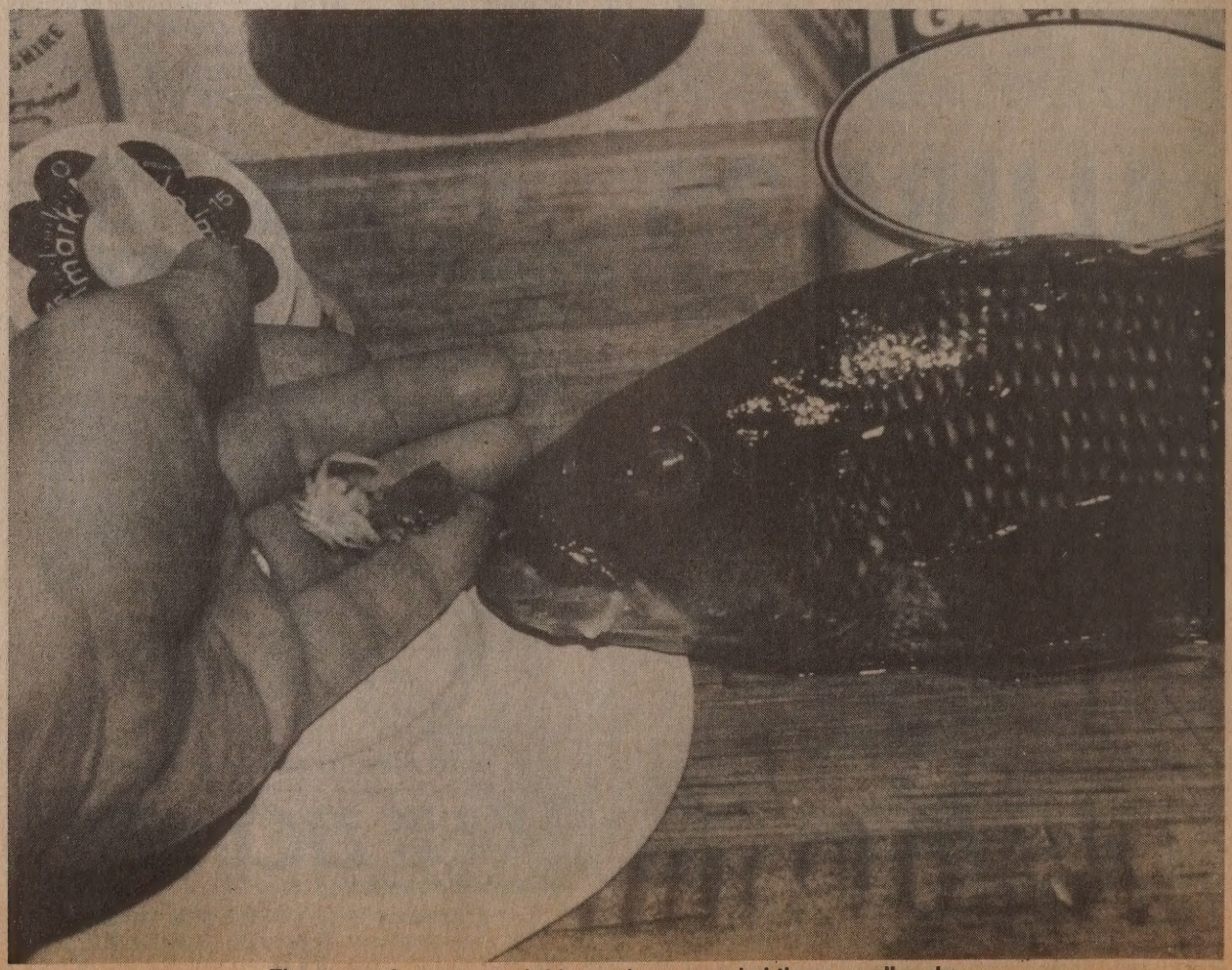
It's a sad fact of life that our inshore fisheries are in decline. The sea is resilient, but the pressure placed on it continues to grow. Even if pollution were a problem we could solve, instead of one we are constantly chasing, the fishing pressure on local waters will guarantee us progressively smaller catches for the rest of our lives.

This being so, it's prudent to practice both efficient fishing and conservation. Take what you want, take no more than you can use; respect legal and moral size limits on what you keep. And in order to get the best use of precious time on the water, fish as efficiently as possible.

One practice which few fishermen follow is the tying of terminal rigs with different hooks in order to compete for different species which are found in the same habitat. Anglers who fail to do so are missing opportunities.

The pair of fish that comes most immediately to mind as good candidates for catching on mixed rigs is blackfish and sea bass. They go together from an angler's viewpoint like ham and eggs. Both feed heavily on crustaceans. Both prefer clean, rocky reefs and bottom obstructions and both are superb eating.

Of the two, the blackfish is much harder to hook. Tautog buffs argue about when the hook should be set; should it be after a second tug or tap or should you lift your rod at some specific interval after the first? The sea bass raises no such problems. They have large mouths that permit the use of 2/0 hooks for the sake of any passing weakfish, instead of the much smaller hook for tautog.



The stomach contents of this sea bass revealed these small crabs.

Tautog will stick closer to the rubble they both favor. They can be so tenacious in hiding among rocks that an angler on one side of a party boat can find fish where another finds nothing, because the width of the boat is enough to remove his bait from the apparent interest of the blackfish. Sea bass are more mobile, and rise from a reef more aggressively than the blackfish to take a bait. The result is that you can fish for both at once very nicely with a high-low rig. The low hook should carry a Virginia or Sproat hook for blackfish. The high hook, preferably a Claw or Beak because the sea bass have large mouths and bite vigorously, will take the bass or (in theory) a passing weakfish. Keep the upper snell short if you're on a crowded party boat to minimize tangles. This way you get to have only one hook among the tangles at the bottom, but you can fish two hooks to increase your catch.

Change the water depth and the time of year and you can fish for a blackfish/cod mix. Here you have a decision to make. If you're fishing a wreck that very likely harbors both tautog and cod, snagging will be a problem, and rigging up a double hook rig does increase the risk of snagging considerably. I do it anyway; nothing ventured, nothing gained. I snell my own hooks and keep an eye open for sales of sinkers because I lose a lot of hooks and lead. Another problem is that cod don't seem to like the crab baits that are so productive of blackfish. I suppose they eat crabs, but they sure don't do it off my hook. A separate hook with the usual clam bait is necessary. The net result is a blackfish hook low and a cod hook high. If your fishing time is short, you might want to do this and accept a certain loss of terminal tackle as part of the game.

Small blackfish and porgies mix, too. Here again, the technical problem is distinguishing one from the other. If you try to nail the porgies with fast strikes you'll usually miss the bigger blackfish. I tie two porgy hooks and one blackfish hook, assume the tap is a blackfish, and wait for a second signal to strike. Again, small tautog don't need as much finesse as bigger fish in the fall. Since these fish come mixed in the spring more often than in the fall, there shouldn't be a real problem.

The two fish rig most familiar to anglers and the one most often seen, is the least likely one to produce. I refer to the habit of fishing a sandworm or squid strip on a high hook for weakfish while the low hook scrapes the bottom in search of fluke. Many older fishermen do this, and I do it too, but the recent shortage of weaks makes it unproductive. It's worth doing more for the sake of the odd sea bass that come by rather than for the weaks themselves. But the theory is clearly correct: time on the water is valuable, and a prudent fisherman will rig up to use it in the best way he can.

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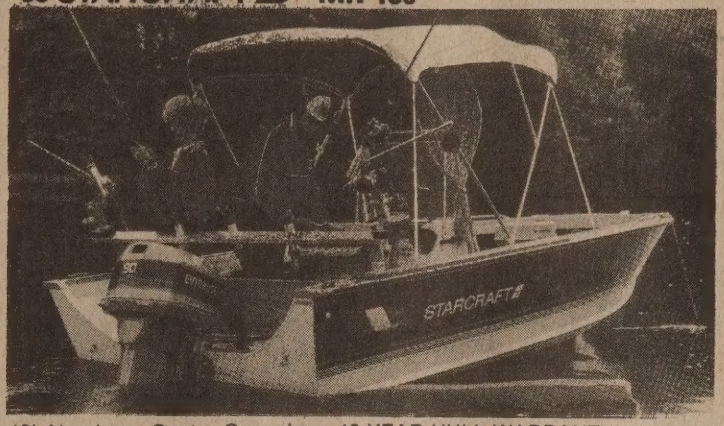

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HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT TOO!

by Russ Wilson

A growing number of saltwater sportsmen have only recently discovered that there is a way to enjoy the thrill of catching a fish and, after implanting a small tag, watching it swim off to fight another day.

I have, for a number of years, been an advocate of the catch and release principal, feeling it is the only way to ensure continued good fishing for future generations of saltwater anglers. Until recently, I, like most saltwater fishermen, didn't bother to tag any of the fish before returning them to the water.

A few months ago that all changed. My fishing partner Bob Beck and I were anchored on a small snag a half mile offshore of Elberon that is home to a large number of hard fighting blackfish (tautog). Fishing was good and within a few hours, our 86 quart Igloo was almost filled with medium size tautog that were destined for the freezer.

My next blackfish, a feisty 14 incher weighing about 1½ to 2 lbs., had an odd-looking yellow tag affixed through its back. Upon closer inspection I discovered the spaghetti type tag had a serial number and the return address of the American Littoral Society (ALS) in Highlands, New Jersey.

After carefully removing the tag and placing it in the tackle box, I tossed the blackfish into the cooler and promptly forgot all about the tag until a week or two ago when I was rummaging through the tackle box. That's when it dawned on me: tagging is one way to increase the fun of fishing and at the same time provide additional fish gathering data for the marine biologists.

We've all had days when the fishing gods smiled and dished up the kind of action that we dream of, but seldom find. When the fishing is fast and furious, it doesn't take very long to catch all you can use. From that moment forward greed takes over and before you know it, you have more dead fish than you can eat or give to friends and neighbors.

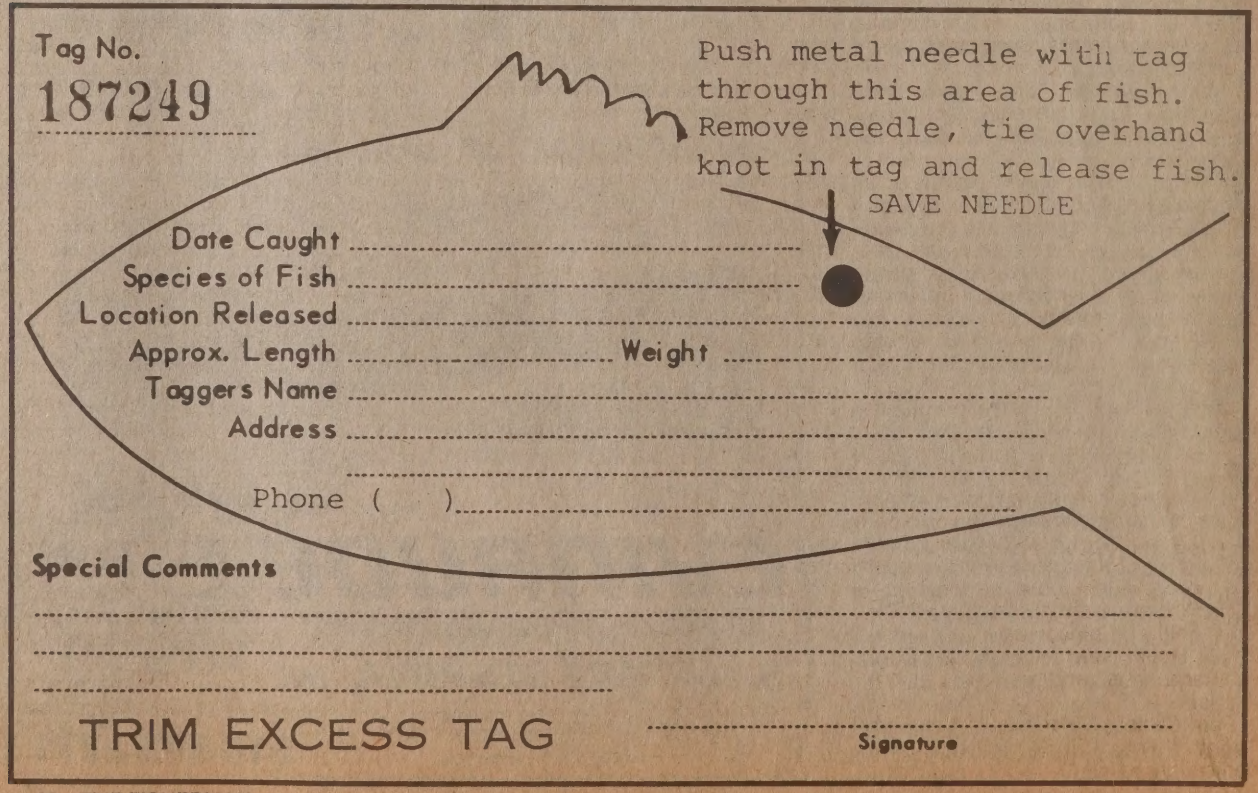
Many of those fish are not utilized. Some end up in the trash, others find their way into the garden and some just are tossed over the side to float away belly up.

Waste of any kind is a sin and when it comes to wasting fish the crime is multiplied many times over since each fish that isn't utilized may have been a female, capable of spawning or of providing a needed meal for some other angler.

Knowledgeable saltwater sportsmen are all too aware that the marine resource is being overtaxed and that greater emphasis must be placed upon conservation now, before it is too late.

There is no doubt the situation will get a lot worse before it improves. More and more anglers are entering the fishing arena each year, boating is among the fastest growing recreational sport and with this growth has come a greater amount of pressure on an already over-utilized resource. Tagging and releasing excess fish is one way to conserve the resource, while at the same time allowing you to enjoy an entirely different aspect of fishing.

Who among us has not wondered what became of a fish that we released? Last fall for example, I released a very large striped bass, one that many anglers would gladly have given a great deal of money to catch. Did that big linesider survive? Was



she a victim of some larger predator? Did she make it back to the Chesapeake Bay to drop several hundred thousand eggs?

I'll never know. The sad truth of the matter is that I could have implanted a yellow ALS tag in that trophy and maybe some time down the road another angler might have caught the fish, returned the tag to the ALS and provided me the opportunity of knowing what became of MY BASS. It will not happen again. Since joining the Littoral Society, I've learned that you can have your cake and eat it, too.

The American Littoral Society is strictly saltwater oriented. For a brief period the Society did encourage tagging of freshwater species, but today, because of various state laws regarding tagging of freshwater fish, and the fact that most freshwater species do not travel from one body of water to another, the ALS no longer encourages anglers to tag freshwater fish.

The ALS was originally formed way back in 1961 by a small group of divers, naturalists and fishermen to encourage a better understanding of the marine environment and provide a unified voice advocating protection of the delicate fabric of life along the shore.

ALS Executive Director Dery W. Bennett said, "A major goal of the Society and a major reason for the growth of Society membership is a concern about the future of the shore and its wildlife habitat. When we fill coastal wetlands, pollute estuaries and dump toxic wastes at sea, we threaten the ocean's future."

According to Bennett, today the ALS membership roster numbers some 6,000 dedicated saltwater fishermen, both sport and commercial, divers, boaters, swimmers, bird watchers and beachcombers as well as many organized fishing clubs and individuals who care about the conservation and protection of our coastal environment.

There are many desirable aspects to being a member of ALS in addition to the tagging program. Society publications such as the quarterly magazine, Underwater; Coastal Reporter, a newsletter; and incidental bulletins cover many coastal subjects including ecology, barrier islands, sand dunes, marine mammals, Chesapeake Bay, the Florida Everglades, striped bass updates, and an ongoing report of fish tagging results.

There are other benefits to ALS membership including field trips, festivals and symposiums on various topics including deep sea exploration, commercial fishing, and marine bird life. Each fall a long weekend annual meeting is scheduled at various locations. In the past these gatherings were held at Chincoteague, Virginia; Sandy Hook, New Jersey; Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and at Mystic, Connecticut.

Pam Carlsen, Director of the Fish Tagging Program, is typical of the dedication shown by ALS volunteers.

It was a blackfish that opened the author's eyes to the rewards of tagging.

Pam has been with the Society for more than four years, first on a purely volunteer basis and for the past two years as a part time employee.

Mrs. Carlsen, along with her husband Ralph, assemble the tagging kits and sees that they are mailed to ALS members. Mr. Carlsen has the honor of cutting the tagging sticks. Each kit contains a four inch stainless steel needle that has a sharpened point. Ralph constructs the needle type tagging sticks from a 6 foot length of 1/8 inch stainless, and said all work is done on a strictly voluntary basis at a workshop he has set up at home.

Pam assembles each kit consisting of 10 tags, a tagging stick and 10 post cards that are used by anglers to list all data regarding each fish that receives a tag. The complete kit, with tagging needle, 10 tags and 10 return post cards is available for $4. Kits containing the 10 tags and 10 return cards are available to ALS members at a reduced rate of $3.50.

The tags, shipped from Seattle, Washington, are in reels of 2,000 consecutively numbered tags which must then be cut into the correct length.

According to Pam, in 1986 the ALS distributed some 11,160 tags. Using simple mathematics, that means she personally assembled 1,116 individual tagging kits and made sure the information concerning each tag was relayed to a filing system so each tag return could be cross checked to determine when, where and by whom the fish was originally tagged. No easy job when you consider the fact that from 1965, when the tagging program was instituted until 1986, some 85,000 tags were distributed and approximately 3,300 were returned!

Pam Carlsen knows most of her "super taggers" through mail and telephone conversations. Some send her fishing rigs, lures and photographs of their catches, while others just keep on buying tags and sending in the completed form cards that go into her massive file.

Although she is presently working two days per week as a paid employee, Mrs. Carlsen spends most of each week working on the ALS tagging program on a voluntary basis.

A few dedicated tag users have had up to 100 returns. Tom Lake of Wappinger Falls, New York is the current tag leader with a total of 141 returns. Lake fishes the Hudson River and is a specialist at catching and releasing striped bass. Most of his tag returns are from stripers that migrate out of the Hudson during the spring and return again in the fall after spending the summer months inhabiting New England waters.

John Dotsey of Long Beach, New York has the honor of having the second highest number of tag returns with 105 and Jack O'Keefe, Stratford, Connecticut is third with 72.

Massapequa angler Warren Gano has a total of 57 tag returns to his credit, while Charles Fiorillo of Neptune, New Jersey is next with a total of 33 returns, including the one I took from the blackfish I caught at Elberon.

I called Mr. Fiorillo after learning it was he who had originally tagged the blackfish to find out more about the tagging program. Surprisingly, Fior-

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illo had orginally tagged the tautog at virtually the same spot where I eventually caught it a second time, proving biologists claim that these fish migrate east to west during the spring and follow a similar pattern when heading back to deep water in the fall.

Fiorillo is a die-hard fisherman, spending nearly every waking day from April to January on the water. He tags more than 400 fish per season including winter flounder, blackfish, fluke, weakfish, striped bass, bluefish and sharks.

Fiorillo offers some advice to others who may decide they want to get into tagging. From past experience, Fiorillo has learned that very small fish cannot survive being tagged. He also feels it is not sensible to insert a tag immediately after hoisting an exhausted fish from the water.

His tagging technique is quite simple, but effective. When he catches a fish that is going to receive a tag he places it in a bucket of fresh sea water until it recovers from the shock of being caught. Only after the fish has fully recovered and has settled down, does he implant the tag.

The Society offers some guidelines to follow when tagging fish in their illustrated brochure, "Tag Fish," which is available from the ALS offices at Highlands, New Jersey. They suggest using a wet towel to cover the head of the fish before attempting to insert the tagging needle and advise against tagging any fish that does not measure at least 8 inches in length.

First, suggests ALS, measure the fish. Normal procedure is to measure from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail. To accurately measure a fish, the ALS advises using a flat surface to lay the fish out to its greatest length. This measurement is important to scientists who will attempt to determine growth rate from the time when the fish is tagged until it is again caught and the tag is returned to the ALS.

The tag is then inserted about one inch into the needle. To insert the tag into the fish, push the sharpened end of the needle through the fish's dorsal or top side near the tail. When the needle is all the way through the fish, pull the tag free and bring it completely through the fish so it is possible to tie an overhand knot connecting both ends of the tag.

The tag is constructed of a soft plastic type material and is very flexible, making it extremely easy to tie. Any excess material can then be trimmed close to the knot so it does not hamper the fish's natural ability to swim.

After releasing the tagged fish it is wise to immediately fill in the necessary data on the return card. There is room on the reverse side of the card to list the date of the catch, species, location where the catch was taken, approximate length of the fish, its weight and your name, address and phone number.

The address of the Society is printed on the reverse side of the post card. All you need do is to apply the appropriate postage and drop the card in a mail box. Once the card is received at ALS offices, Pam places the data into her master file so it can be retrieved when needed.

According to Fiorillo, fluke and blackfish provide the best rate of return. Bluefish seem to disappear and weakfish that he has tagged have thus far eluded capture, as have most of the winter flounder.

Pam Carlsen said striped bass get the greatest amount of attention from anglers in the Northeast area but cobia, snook, barracuda, bluefish and red drum (channel bass) are the most popular species among Southern area sportsmen.

Surprisingly, it is not the striped bass that provide the best ratio of return, notes Mrs. Carlsen. Fluke are at the top of the list and bottom fish such as sea bass and tautog are a very close second.

The overall statistics indicate a return of about 3 percent for all combined species. Since the inception of the tagging program in 1965, 85,000 fish have been tagged and 3,300 tags have been returned.

During 1986, the most recent year that complete figures are available, anglers tagged 5,500 fish and 206 tags taken from recaptured fish were returned to the ALS.

Mrs. Carlsen said the new striped bass regulations have triggered a lot of interest in tagging among striper fishermen who must now release any bass that does not measure at least 33 inches. Interestingly, a greater number of organized fishing clubs have joined the ALS since the inception of the 33 inch minimum size regulation on the taking of striped bass.

In August of this year, there were 54 fishing clubs on the ALS membership roster and more are joining, notes Mrs. Carlsen.

The American Littoral Society is a non-profit organization. The present annual ALS membership rate is only $20 for individuals and $25 for clubs. A Contributing membership is available at $30 and Sustaining members are assessed $50. Supporting members pay an annual fee of $100 and a special Donor membership is $500.

There are several regional offices located throughout the Atlantic Coast. New York anglers might want to contact Don Riepe, 28 West 9th Road, Broad Channel, NY 11693; (718) 634-6467 for details. New England sportsmen can obtain information regarding the ALS by writing to American Littoral Society, P.O. Box 331, Woods Hole, MA 02543 or by calling (617) 548-2673.

Incidentally, anglers who are interested in helping shark research, might want to contact Jack Casey at Woods Hole to obtain shark tagging kits. The American Littoral Society does not handle any shark tagging, and will normally refer shark fishermen to Jack Casey.

A Delaware Valley office has recently been established at 2934 Paprika Road, Doylestown, PA 18901. The phone number to call is (215) 794-0560.

Two offices are available to Florida and Gulf Coast fishermen. South Florida anglers are advised to contact the Southeast Fisheries Center of the National Marine Fisheries Service, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149; (305) 361-4495.

Gulf Coast sportsmen should contact the Mote Marine Laboratory, City Island, Sarasota, FL 33577; (813) 388-3301.

The ALS main headquarters is located at Sandy Hook, New Jersey. To obtain information write to American Littoral Society, Highlands, NJ 07732 or call (201) 291-0055.

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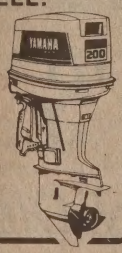

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AUTUMN'S METAL MAGIC

by Dick Mermon

Once the heavy metallic lure touched bottom, I began rapidly retrieving it. Within a few turns of the reel's handle, the weighty artificial came to an abrupt halt.

The lure being used was a diamond shaped lead-casting, nickel chromed and about 5 inches in length. At its lower end hung a long shank hook, dressed in slender white plastic tubing. The object of this type of artificial was to mimic the abundant sand eel. No matter which way the lure was held, it still resembled no more than it was: a lustrous hunk of lead, with a funny shaped plastic tube swinging from the end. The lure's objective is to dupe striped bass, bluefish and weakfish when sand eels are their targets.

Autumnal equinox is the time of maturity and incipient decline, whereby all saltwater juvenile baitfish which have been within the bay's protective waters all summer, muster with adults for the annual migration into the Atlantic and to winterover areas. When the sand eels move out, they do so in tremendous numbers, attracting the attention of the three gamesters. In seasons past, anglers with their "old reliable" swimming or surface chugging lures hoodwinked any number of these inshore gamesters. With the current sand eel boom, those who switched to contemporary metal enticers were well rewarded.

There are several different lead-cast models shaped to resemble a sand eel—cylindrical, flat and diamond shaped and each supporting a

plastic tube. The only lure that is close in appearance has a lead-head and horizontal tubing protruding from it. It is actually a lead head jig with a tube body. Another material used in simulating one of these snake-like marine creatures is stainless steel, shaped long, thin and flat. Due to their heft and configuration, each of the artificials are able to descend rapidly to the bottom. Most models have been nickel-chromed for subsurface attraction in the water, but others have been tinted in hues of pink, green, club or white and supported by similar colored tubing. In their distressing predicament, sand eels will change body color from a natural silver/gray tone, into the hues mentioned and, at times, a predator's preference is for that lure color only.

Sand eels have several unusual traits, one of which is their method of swimming when trying to avoid being devoured. Traveling in such tremendous schools as they do, they generate what is called "nervous water" at the surface. This resembles a patch of rippled water, moving rapidly in an agitated state. Another clue to the presence of subsurface sand eels is bird activity, or the lack of it. This is true especially of sea gulls and/or shelldrake (mergansers) ducks. When these birds merely float along, picking a sand eel here and there, it suggests no predators below. But, should the gulls be fluttering and swooping violently, yet never resting on the water, you can bet that bluefish stir. Sea gulls will rarely chance injury by sitting on the water when these savage feeders are around, but are not afraid to do so if striped bass or weakfish forage.

Sand eels will try to evade consumption by predacious fish by swimming as close to the bottom as possible. The name "sand eel" implies exactly what they are: "sand" eels. Upon being attacked, the entire school will simultaneously dive toward bottom and burrow into the sand, totally obscuring themselves until danger has passed. At such time, again in unification, when all is thought to be safe, they burst from the soft bottom, muster once more in great pods and continue on, until the next assault occurs and the operation is repeated. After regrouping in infinite numbers, sand eels employ a zigzag motion. Each time a rise transpires, the direction of travel changes. This life-and-death pursuit is carried on all through their journey, until they reach the final destination. Thus, it is this tactic which must be duplicated by an angler's lure in order to induce a predator to accept the artificial as the real thing.

There are two techniques employed when trying to imitate a sand eel's locomotion. "Bottom dragging" and "vertical jigging" have both proven extremely effective.

"Bottom dragging," is just what it implies—dragging a lure along the bottom. In the past, this type lure was immediately retrieved as it struck the water, but the new technique slows things down a bit. Discovered by surf fishermen casting from the beach, you permit the artificial to first rest on bottom, then slowly retrieve it, dragging it through the sand. Its action closely reproduced a sand eel darting from one soft ridge into another. If this continuous retrieve does not produce a strike, the addition of an occasional rod twitch develops a slight jump to the lure and a zealous predator will assault it, even though buried in sand.

Although chromed metal lures have been around for quite sometime, "vertical jigging" has only come about with the increased quantities of sand eels and the fishes appetite for them. The technique is easier to master than that of swimming or surface type lures. One way is simply to drop it to the bottom, then jig the rod tip up and down continuously until a fish strikes. However, the proper method requires a little more finesse. The metal bait is dropped directly to the bottom, then rapidly retrieved. A more realistic approach is accomplished in another manner. After the artificial reaches bottom, its rise begins with short, fast spurts, attained by pauses every five to seven turns on the reel's handle. This stop-and-go progress tends to create the surge of a frightened sand eel heading for the surface. It also symbolizes a single eel performing its shifting tactic to avoid a predator. Quite often a strike is felt as the lure leaves bottom, or the moment of that split-second hesitation on the retrieve.

Tidal conditions and direction have always maintained an important factor in saltwater angling and this is expressly true during the sand eel's fall migration. In their movement, scores of tiny eels can be seen "riding the current" on an ebbing tide out of the bays into the ocean. Therefore, it has been established that the last of an outgoing tide is the primary period to use a metal lure, for it happens to be the most active feeding time with bluefish, striped bass and weakfish, as well. When there is a strong flooding tidal current, it forces the sand eels back up into the inner bays, depleting the supplies temporarily at the inlets and the ocean. Another reason for excessive foraging during the ebbing tide by the three game species, is the reduction of locations, such as exposed sand bars and shallow shorelines for sand eels to hide. Instead, the baitfish muster in larger groups within deeper channels where game fish assault them.

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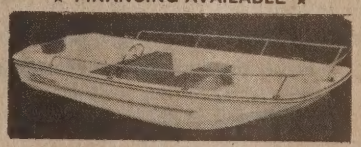

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TUNA TUNES

by Gerald Hahn

At one extreme in the mackerel family is the giant tuna weighing over 1,000 pounds. Aside from the Atlantic mackerel, the other end of the scale is dominated by two runts: bonito and false albacore (tunny). Although these diminutive tunas weigh only 6 or 8 pounds, they are a bonus thrill for party boat fishermen in September. For bones and albies, as they are commonly called here, are so quick, they make a fisherman cross-eyed.

Although most bonito and albacore are taken by charter and private boat anglers, party boat fishermen join in the action during their bluefishing trips. Despite shorter days and cooler nights in September, the Atlantic Ocean is at its warmest. Pockets of the Gulf Stream, with temperatures as high as 80 degrees, break away and drift inshore, bringing with them these small torpedoes.

Party boat anglers do not catch many of these tunas (the most I ever saw was a catch of 10) because the primary fishing is for blues. Indeed, unless the skipper of the boat chums for the tunas with a mixture of ground bunker spiced with cut pieces of baitfish, the bonito will not hang around for long.

Bonito and albacore do not behave like bluefish. They seldom leap out of the water, yet are almost invariably taken on the surface. They do not smash the offering or thrash about in a head-shaking fury. They simply hit and run, picking up the bait delicately and then bolting for blue water like a rocket.

Although the bluefish is highly streamlined and very fast, it's no match for bonito and albacore. For one, the blue does not have the tuna's extremely fine taper in the rear. Its tail, though large and forked, is not the sleek, sickle-shaped and bone-hard tail of a bonito. The tunas require this fine taper, mounted with keels and finlets, because they swim with an undulating movement of the tail section. Furthermore, the hide of a tuna, unlike the blue's, which has large scales, is as smooth as polished metal. Bonito and albacore also have their eyes set flush with the head and grooves for folding in fins when cruising. For speed, then, the blue is no match for a bonito or an albacore.

Even the interior of these fish warrant comparison. You do not have to be a marine biologist to notice the great quantity of blood that comes with a filleted albacore. A vast network of veinous blood in the muscles supplies heat to fuel the great caloric engine. A parallel system of cool arterial blood keeps the engine from overheating. Tunas are actually warm blooded creatures, capable of maintaining a body temperature that is as much as 18 degrees higher than the surrounding water. The result is a

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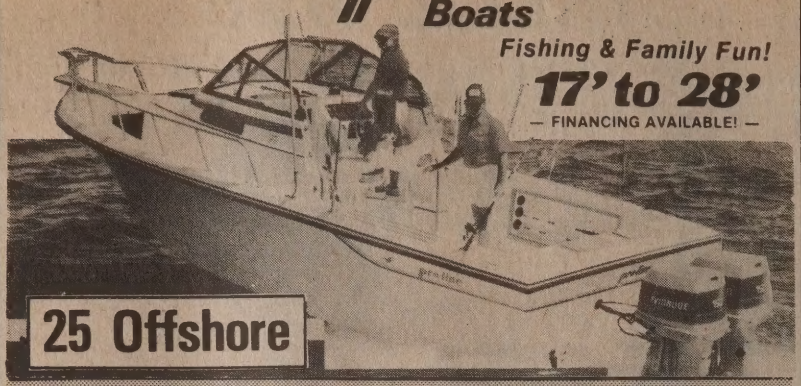
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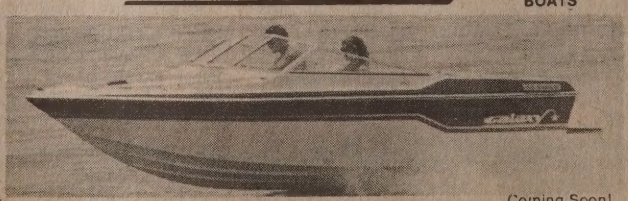
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mechanism that can speed up the tuna's metabolism three-fold, its muscles contracting three times as fast as a blue's. Thus, tunas can cruise at 10 to 20 knots and have been known to sprint at over 40 knots.

In late summer and early fall, bones and albies tend to show up when bluefishing slows down, often right in the middle of a hot day and a dead sea. Although a small diamond jig is occasionally effective on these fish, the best way to catch them on a party boat is with light tackle and bait. A 7 foot medium action spinning rod matched with a medium sized surf reel spooled with 15 or 20 pound test is adequate. So is a baitcasting outfit of comparable size.

The best bait for bonito and albacore is a small, whole butterfish. Experienced anglers usually bring along their own, just in case the boat does not supply them. Other effective baits are smelt and sand eels or spearing.

A wonderful thing about this kind of fishing is that the rig is simple and light. A #1 or 1/0 bonito hook, preferably in brown for low visibility, is tied directly to the end of the 15 pound test running line, and the rig is complete. No snelled leaders or sinkers are employed, although some people clip on a tiny clinch sinker about 18 inches above the tiny hook. This speeds up the bait's movement and also allows it to sink a little below the surface, out of the range of sea birds. The hook is actually an O'Shaughnessy with an extra short shank and a beak bend. At first glance it resembles a mere porgy hook, but it is very strong. I have seen 40 pound yellowfin tuna taken on this hook.

Since bonito and albacore have excellent vision and are highly suspicious, the hook must be impaled in the bait carefully, so that it virtually disappears. When baiting butterfish, run the point through the hard ridge surrounding its eyes and then plant it in the shoulder, just ahead of the dorsal fin. This way, only the tip of the point and the eyelet of the hook are exposed. When baiting smelt or other elongated baitfish, run the hook through the mouth and out the gill cover. Before impaling it in the rear, turn the bend of the hook so that it faces the bait's head; then run the point into the rear. This way the shaft is hidden inside the bait. Among the elongated baitfish, I find smelt, which is somewhat bulkier, the best bait to use. Unfortunately, though, it tends to float on the surface and attract herring gulls and terns. Most fishermen pinch the smelt's belly, which expels trapped air. Another method is to tuck the hook inside the gill cover. Although less secure, the bait is not mangled. In fact, some sharp tuna anglers stuff some split shot fragments down the smelt's gullet before rigging it. This way, the bait sinks below the surface and appears natural. No visible sinker, no visible hook, no mangled belly and no floating bait.

If you intend to catch a few of these magnificent fish, you must secure a position on the side of the boat where lines move out. From an anchored boat, this means the stern; from a drifting boat, this means the up-current side of the boat. It is futile to try to make a long cast with such a light rig: the bait may fall off in the process. Instead, flip the bait gently into the current and leave the bail open or the reel in free spool. It may take awhile for the bait to start moving, but be patient. Soon enough, the current will take hold and the bait will move out at a leisurely pace. Keep it moving, slowly but surely, until 75 to 100 feet of line is paid out. If nothing happens by then, reel in and start over.

For sure, you will know when something happens. In fact, you often see it happening. I have seen bonito and albacore move within 30 feet of the boat. Suddenly the line races off the reel and you need jogging shoes to keep up. I once hooked an albie at the stern and a few seconds later, discovered that it was at the bow. During this blitz, the angler certainly had his hands full. He tries to put a brake on the fish by pressing his thumb against the spool until he has a chance to engage the reel. Then he must be alert, for tuna taken on the surface, seldom bolt for the bottom. Instead, the fish suddenly changes course and moves in another lateral direction. And considering that other fishermen during this battle may be sending diamond jigs to the bottom, the tuna fisherman must be alert to avoid a tangle. Fifteen pound test has no chance against 40 pound test. Even if the tuna weighs only 5 pounds, it should be played carefully to the boat, and then gaffed by the mate.

Bonito and albacore are readily distinguishable. The bonito has a greenish coloration and horizontal stripes along the back. The bulkier albacore is steel-blue or gray-blue and has worm-like markings on the back, like a mackerel. Occasionally, a skipjack tuna, weighing about the same as the others, join the school. These fish have their horizontal stripes on the belly. Although it is rare, there are times when a school tuna weighing 30 to 70 pounds joins the fun.

Of the two mini-tunas, the bonito is favored by most fishermen, since it is a tastier fish. Down South, in fact, the bloody albacore is often used for bait. Soaking the fillet in a brine solution, with Kosher salt, makes it palatable.

Some seasons the tunas arrive as early as mid-August. And if Indian Summer greets autumn, they will remain through October. Even so, September is the month for the most consistent action.

Bluefishing boats on the south shore, from Sheepshead Bay to Captree, as well as New Jersey boats between the Atlantic Highlands and Point Pleasant, participate in this bonus catch. If fishing reports indicate that bones and albies are being taken, get into this light tackle act.

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STRADDLE A WRECK

by Capt. Richard Heidecker

As we cleared the inlet, our intentions were to do some wreck fishing. I always look forward to a scrumptious meal of sea bass, prepared Chinese fashion with rice. The weather was ideal; winds were from the south at five knots and the ocean was flat as a mill pond. At 8:30 AM the thermometer registered 85 degrees and it was obvious that we were going to have to cool off by spraying each other with the saltwater washdown.

Since it was late when we started, I was hoping to get onto one of the closer wrecks that lie to the west. So as we approached JI out of Jones Inlet, I continued a bit further south until I picked up the 43736.0 Loran line of position (LOP) and then set a compass course of 275 degrees (a 275 degree magnetic (M) compass course will keep the 43736.0 LOP constant). When the 43736.0 LOP intersects with the 26855.6 LOP I have Margaret toss over the first marker buoy which aids me in anchoring the boat over the Iberia Wreck. Normally, I would head the boat between 230 to 240 degrees M after passing buoy #1, but I noticed some birds working at JI. When we approached the JI the birds were no longer there and the recorder showed no markings. For someone who has never done any wreck fishing and would like to try his skills at anchoring over a wreck, the Iberia is an ideal wreck to start on. She is a fairly large wreck, a 375 foot ship that lies facing approximately northwest. It is, therefore, relatively easy to pick up with your Loran and recorder.

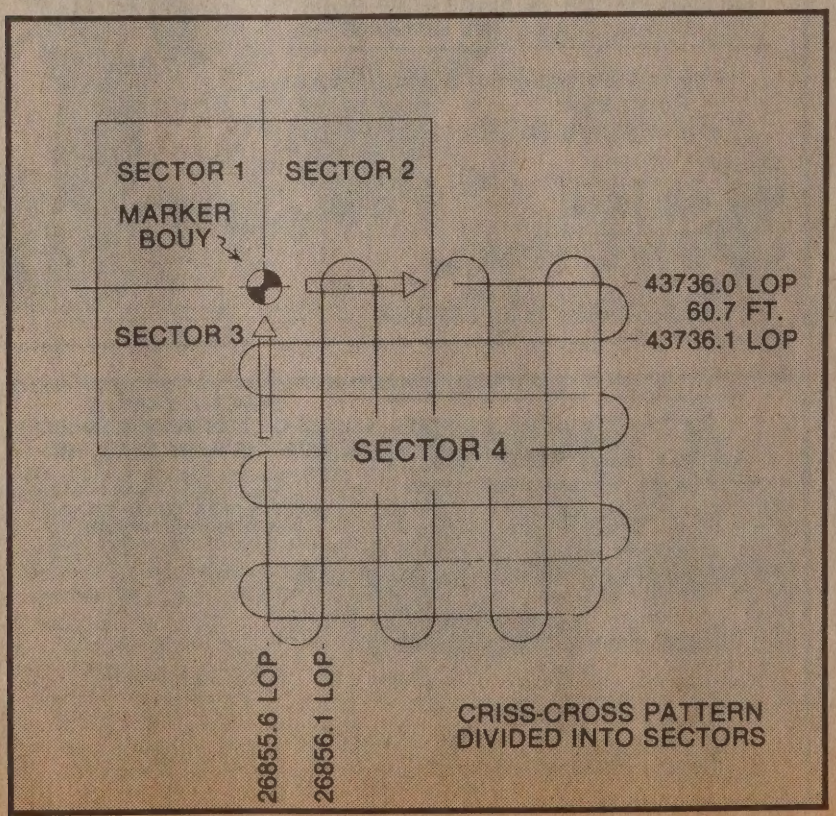
How to find the wreck? If you look at chart #12326 you will see that the 26000 series LOP numbers run roughly north and south (actually 25 and 205 degrees M). For the 43000 series, LOP runs roughly east and west (actually 95 and 275 degrees M). Now, if you pinpoint the spot where the 43736.0 LOP crosses the 26855.6 LOP, you will see that the Iberia lies in 55 feet of water south of Long Beach.

The best procedure to get from Jones Inlet to the Iberia is to go 230 to 240 degrees M until you are on the 43736.0 LOP. Then head 275 degrees M on the 43736.0 LOP until you read 26855.6 on your Loran. Using this course from buoy #1 will get you on the 43736.0 LOP slightly before it intersects with the 26855.6 LOP. This still avoids the sand bar that lies west of the Inlet. You should have your recorder on while approaching this point. If the recorder paints the wreck on the paper, drop a buoy (a plastic Clorox bottle with a weight on a line will do). But even if you do not see the wreck on your recorder, drop a marker buoy anyway. Since one Loran may not give you the same readout as another, this marker buoy will give you a visual marker to work with. Using this marker, make several passes near the buoy within 150 feet radius until you spot the wreck on your chart recorder. Now press the memory button on your Loran and have someone toss another marker buoy. Write down these new numbers and use them in the future when you wish to pick up that wreck. Your Loran will put you within 50 feet each time thereafter.

Before you anchor over the wreck, you should have some indication as to its size. To anchor and have your boat drift back right to where the marker buoy is, may be very difficult, if not impossible. So, by using your recorder and another marker buoy (pick up your first one), mark the extremities of the wreck. This way you can anchor and drift back between the buoys; a much larger target. Sometimes it may be necessary to straddle two anchors in order to keep the boat over the wreck. Remember, if you are not over the wreck, you will not catch fish!

Search and seek: Ideally the Loran coordinates should coincide with the painting of the wreck on your recorder. But alas, this rarely happens the first time you pick up a wreck. As I mentioned earlier, when you read the coordinates on your Loran, drop the first marker buoy. Initially, it is not necessary to go into an elaborate search and seek pattern; merely spiral outward from the marker buoy and usually you will paint the wreck on your recorder before you are out of sight of the buoy. There are times, however, when you will feel that the guy who gave you the coordinates is trying to play a trick on you. I remember one wreck that I finally picked up one quarter of a mile from the coordinates given me. These coordinates were given to me by a trawler captain while we were downing a few drinks at a bar. It might have been that he had had one too many and could not remember too well, but most likely our Lorans had different deviation problems. At any rate, it was necessary to use a more sophisticated method to find this elusive wreck. After using the spiraling-out method to no avail. I decided it was necessary to use the criss-crossing method.

You may say that no fish is worth



this much effort, but remember if it is a wreck that has never been fished, the rewards will be quite great. Not only will you get sea bass, blackfish or cod of enormous size, but the quantity will be great also. Remember, once you have found the wreck, you will never have trouble finding it again.

Straddling the anchor: I remember one winter day many years ago when I first started wreck fishing. We were headed to the Rum Runner in hope of catching some codfish. The Rum Runner is another wreck a short distance from Jones Inlet. The winds varied from south to southwest with rather strong gusts—about 25 knots. If we had dropped one hook, the boat would have swung back and forth over the wreck and the bait would not have remained in one place long enough to attract a cod or any other fish for that matter. The swinging back and forth would have accomplished one thing, however: the loss of many rigs. With each pass over the wreck I could see six rigs donated to the wreck.

The solution was straddling the anchor. After dropping our marker buoys, I headed the boat south about 120 yards and released the first anchor; then reversed the engine while the mate payed out the anchor rope. When the boat was approximately in position, the rope was snubbed and we could see that the boat came to rest about 50 feet too far to the east. Now the next procedure was to head the boat southwest and drop the second anchor. This is where I goofed! I headed the boat southwest all right, but failed to have the mate pay out enough line on the first anchor as we headed forward. When we dropped the second anchor it was too close to the wreck, so we had insufficient scope to hold the boat as we drifted back onto the wreck. As a result, the second anchor was pulled back onto the wreck. Well, you might say at least you knew that you were fishing over the wreck; but what a price! When we wanted to leave, it was impossible to free the anchor. Consequently, the rope had to be cut and a donation of anchor and rope was made to the wreck.

The procedure described in the previous paragraph was correct except for the rope on the second anchor. The length of rope must be between 3 to 7 times the depth of water, depending on wind conditions. If we assume that we are fishing in 100 feet of water and winds are between 20 and 15 knots, 300 feet of line is adequate. This assumption is made if you are using the proper size anchor.

At any rate, this was a beautiful day with little or no winds. There was a slight breeze from the south and the tide was pulling the marker buoys to the east, indicating an outgoing tide. I headed the boat west-southwest from the buoys, hoping the tide and wind would pull our boat back over the Iberia Wreck while we used one anchor. Luck was with me this day and the boat drifted back, right on the money! We started rigging our lines and from past experience we have learned that when wreck fishing it pays to keep your rig as simple as possible (no double hooks or anything else that dangles because these will snag your line. There are all kinds of protrusions that seem to attract the extra equipment. It is especially bad if a blackfish grabs your hook; the first thing a black will do is make a bee line to some hole in the wreck. A double hook will inevitably be caught on some protrusion. I had this happen to me many times; since I have been fishing with one hook, all I do is wait for that sucker to come out of his hole, then get him off the bottom and into the boat.

I generally use a smaller hook when fishing the closer wrecks. A Virginia style hook from size 3 to 5 works well. Sinkers should always be as light as possible, but must be heavy enough to stay where you drop them. Usually, a 5 to 7 oz. bank sinker is adequate when fishing with 20 to 30 lb. test line. When tying your line, use either a three way swivel or loop a sinker to the bottom of your line and tie a swivel high enough so that when you loop a hook through it, the hook will be slightly above the sinker.

The baits we use when summer wreck fishing are squid, clams and green crabs. We find squid to be one of the best all around baits because it has many good features: the flesh is firm and when nibbled at by a bergall, it does not come right off the hook. Squid also freezes well and, unlike clams, it does not become mushy after freezing it a couple of times. Green crabs are also good; not only because Mr. Blackfish likes them but you can keep them alive indefinitely in a bait box tied alongside your boat. Periodically, I feed them bergalls which are cut up and thrown into the box.

When we finally got our lines into the water there was an immediate response. As soon as we were down we would come up with small bergalls. This is typical of most wreck fishing. It seems bergalls will not give other fish a chance to bite, therefore, a clearing out process is necessary. This particular day we caught about 50 bergalls before our first sea bass was hooked. From then on, most of the fish were sea bass, porgies or blackfish.

What to do with the bergalls? It is against our nature to kill any fish unless it can be used. Most times if the bergall is not injured we just throw it back. That little guy will not bite on your hook for the rest of the day, so don't worry about it. However, if the fish's bladder protrudes from its mouth because it was retrieved too quickly from very deep water, or if it swallowed the hook, we generally keep it and use it for bait when bluefishing, or use it to feed the green crabs back at the dock. Bergalls, if large enough, are good eating. Margaret has come up with some very good recipes using bergalls—but that is another story!

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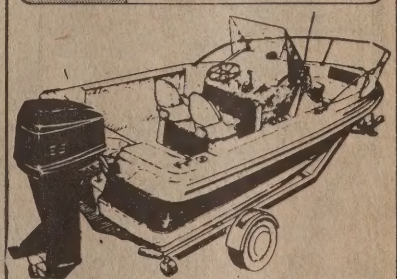

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SHINNECOCK CANAL'S FALL FLOUNDER

by Matt Ahern

Yeah—I know. What's with the flounder bit? Rushing the season? We're still catching snappers and fluke and sea bass and porgies. But have you glanced at the calendar lately? The old guy with the frosted beard is beginning to look our way. Then what's with the summer fish? The first line storm will send the snappers scooting; the fluke will gather in greater numbers for the long trek; and those sea bass and porgies will begin thinking of housekeeping elsewhere. A few blackfish will show to let us know we're not forgotten. But what do you do in the meantime? Why—you go flounder fishing. That's what you do.

And what better place for the shore fisherman than Shinnecock Canal? I can't think of any.

It is seldom shore fishermen find an ideal spot in which to catch flounder. Most areas with apparent potential are either off limits, or the few fish caught seem hardly worth the effort. I know from whence I speak, for in searching out an ideal spot I, too, have done my share of flounder chasing on both north and south shores.

During my searching I put in a great deal of time and effort. I hit the jackpot when I first fished Shinnecock Canal. Here is a place which shore fishermen can usually depend on to produce. I can say with all sincerity and honesty that I have never been skunked when flounder fishing in the Canal.

Spring flounder fishing is usually good in the Canal, but I particularly like the fall flounder fishing here. The fish are fair-sized as a rule and the fishing is easy. Actually, the angler can dunk bait just two feet from his car and be successful—and there aren't too many shore spots around of which that can be said. Long casts aren't required to get to the fish. The necessary depth of water needed for successful flounder fishing is at the fisherman's feet, which makes it ideal for the beginner to our game.

When the Canal is fished at the proper time there is no noticeable tidal current; a one ounce bank sinker will hold bottom when used with light monofilament line. However, I'm sure many anglers have journeyed long miles to the Canal and found a ripping current rushing through from Great Peconic Bay to the ocean.

Needless to say, this condition makes just about any kind of fishing impossible, but at the conclusion of this article I'll tell you of a fool-proof method which will enable fishermen to predetermine when fishing the Canal can be done without difficulty.

It isn't too often saltwater fishermen can dunk bait from shore and get by with light spinning tackle. But it can be done in the Canal. Any light spinning rod with matching reel filled with 8 pound test mono is ideal.

Fishing is usually done on the west bank of the Canal, in an area

extending from the Montauk Highway Bridge to the Sunrise Highway overpass. To the north you'll find mostly private property and boat marinas. Beyond this private property, however, is a good stretch of fishing at the Peconic Bay entrance to the Canal.

This area is easily reached by taking the road that parallels the Canal's west bank. Turn right at the end and there you will find plenty of fishing room, plus a rock jetty for fishermen with blackfish in mind.

Peconic Bay is noted for its large flounder and this north end of the Canal which fronts on Peconic Bay is the place to try for these fish. During late October and into November, two pounders are not uncommon; and while I've never been that lucky, I've seen more than one 3 pounder come up from there.

One thing of importance when fishing this north end. Should the day be cold and blustery, with northerly winds from any quarter, be advised to think about fishing elsewhere. There is absolutely no protection whatsoever from strong winds. On such days, fish the south end of the Canal where the high banks make an effective windbreak.

Now for tackle. Hooks can be the standard Chestertown, size 9 or 10 (size 9 preferred). My favorite suicide hook, the Sproat #6, is also a good choice. Hooks should be tandem-tied for best results. But whatever method is used, make certain they are both on the bottom. If you tie in the tandem-rigged hooks two inches above the sinker, they'll both be in the strike zone. Hooks not on the bottom catch few flounder.

When fishing Shinnecock Canal, expect to lose some terminal tackle, for the bottom is indeed "sticky" in many areas. However, there are spots in the Canal where one may fish for hours and not lose one hook. But be on the safe side and emulate the proverbial Boy Scout by being prepared with extra hooks and sinkers.

This fact is one reason I'm so set against using flounder spreaders in the Canal (or anywhere, for that matter). Should you do so, you are almost sure to lose it on the first cast. Stay away from all the fancy gizmos when you bottom fish. A word to the wise is sufficient.

When fall fishing in the Canal, bring more than one type of bait. My choice would be sandworm for the north end, and bloodworm for the south end, with soft clam (steamers) a good second choice for either area. There are days when flounder will only hit clam—especially as the season progresses into winter. Hard clam (chowders), or **fresh** skimmer make good substitutes for the soft clam.

It isn't necessary to chum, although you may see some fishermen crushing mussels and tossing them near their lines. If you think doing this will help you, do so by all means. Be forewarned, though, when chumming is done in the early part of the season all the yearling fish (one/two inches long) will have a field day at your expense.

Just as when skiff fishing, keep in mind that flounder must be hunted. If after a reasonable length of time no action is forthcoming, move 5 or 10 feet away and make a few casts, preferably in an arc.

Note where you get your first fish and continue casting to that spot, moving as close to it as possible—providing, of course, that you don't interfere with other fishermen who may have already gotten into the fish. If you must, keep moving along the Canal's bulkheading until you hit into your own fish.

When the time comes to pack it in, remember where your fish were caught. When you return at a future date, you should find fish in the immediate area.

If I had a buck for every poor fisherman who made a journey to Shinnecock Canal only to find the tidal doors open, I'd be rich, indeed. Unless you live in the vicinity as I do, blindly traveling out to the Canal can be foolishness, indeed.

Bear in mind that the opening and closing of the tidal doors that halt the tidal flow is not man induced. It is the flow of tide and its pressure that operates these doors, which means it varies from day to day.

A fool-proof method of determining when it's best to fish the Canal is easily done by checking the tide tables in The Fisherman or your daily newspaper. Here's how to do it. (It took me a long time to dope this one out. The good part is that is is accurate within minutes—sometimes seconds if weather conditions are right.)

Okay, now. Got your pencil and paper ready?

Use the Sandy Hook high tide table listing as your reference point. DEDUCT 3½ hours from the reading. This will give you the exact time the doors CLOSE. ADD 2½ hours to the reading and you will have the exact time the doors OPEN. (This is when fishing ceases for all general purposes.)

You may now fish any time within those six hours and find the Canal as current-free as a mill pond. Incidentally, don't make the mistake of using the high-water reading for Shinnecock Canal. This is for boatmen only and has nothing to do with fishing the canal. You'll only cut into your fishing time, if you do.

Jot down what you've just read for future treks to the Canal. Don't try to remember them. You won't. Write 'em down!

Give Shinnecock Canal a whirl this fall. The fishing may not be as spectacular as it once was, but you should return home with something to show for your efforts. There's a bonus to this, too. You'll meet a lot of congenial flounder fishermen who seem always willing to swap fish stories and point out the best spots.

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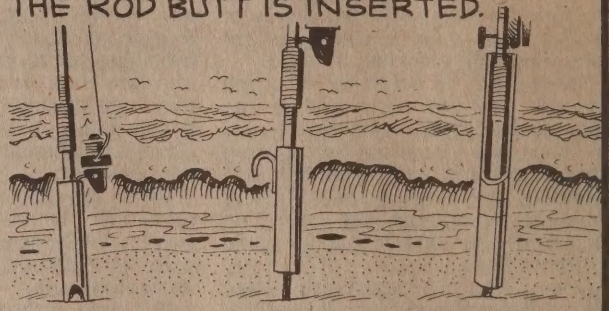

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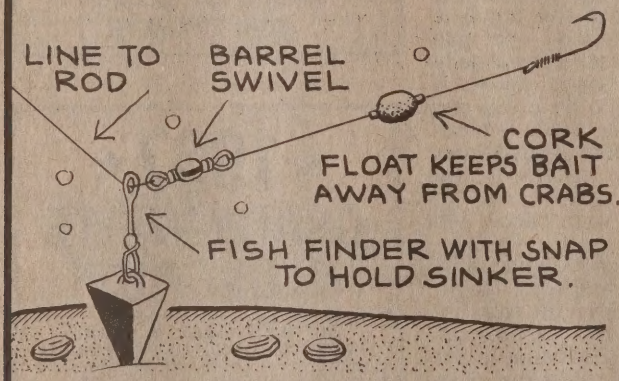

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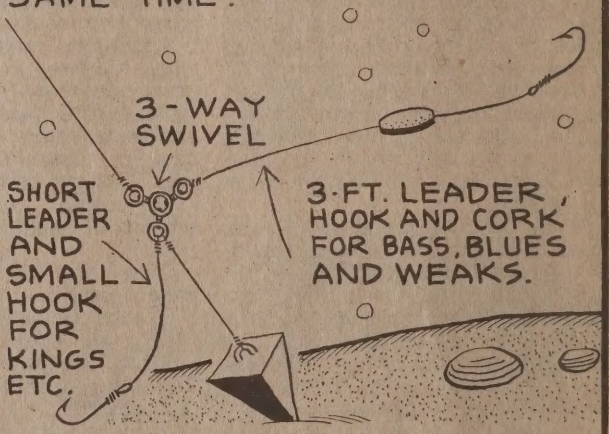

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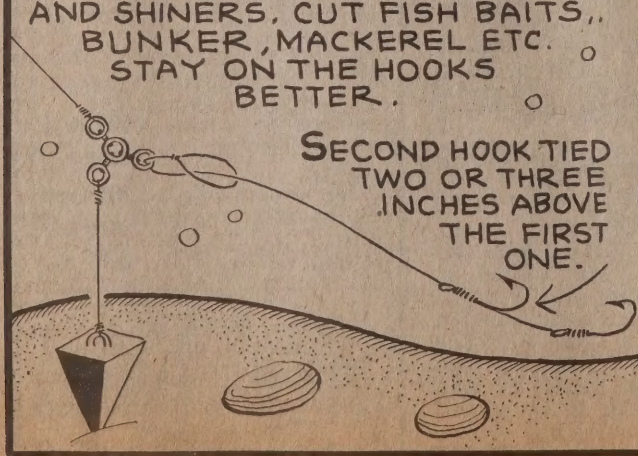

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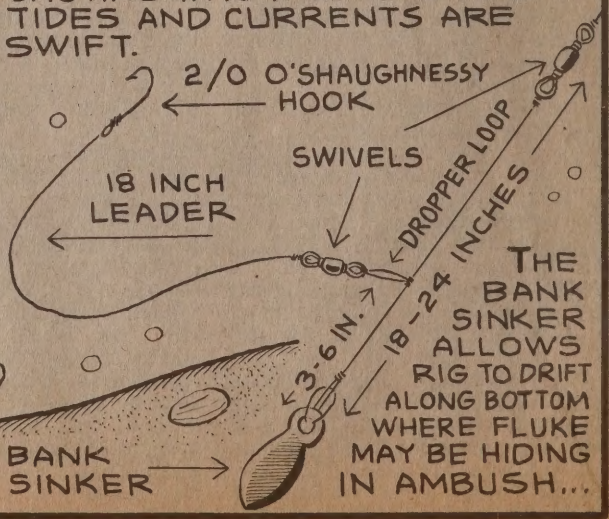

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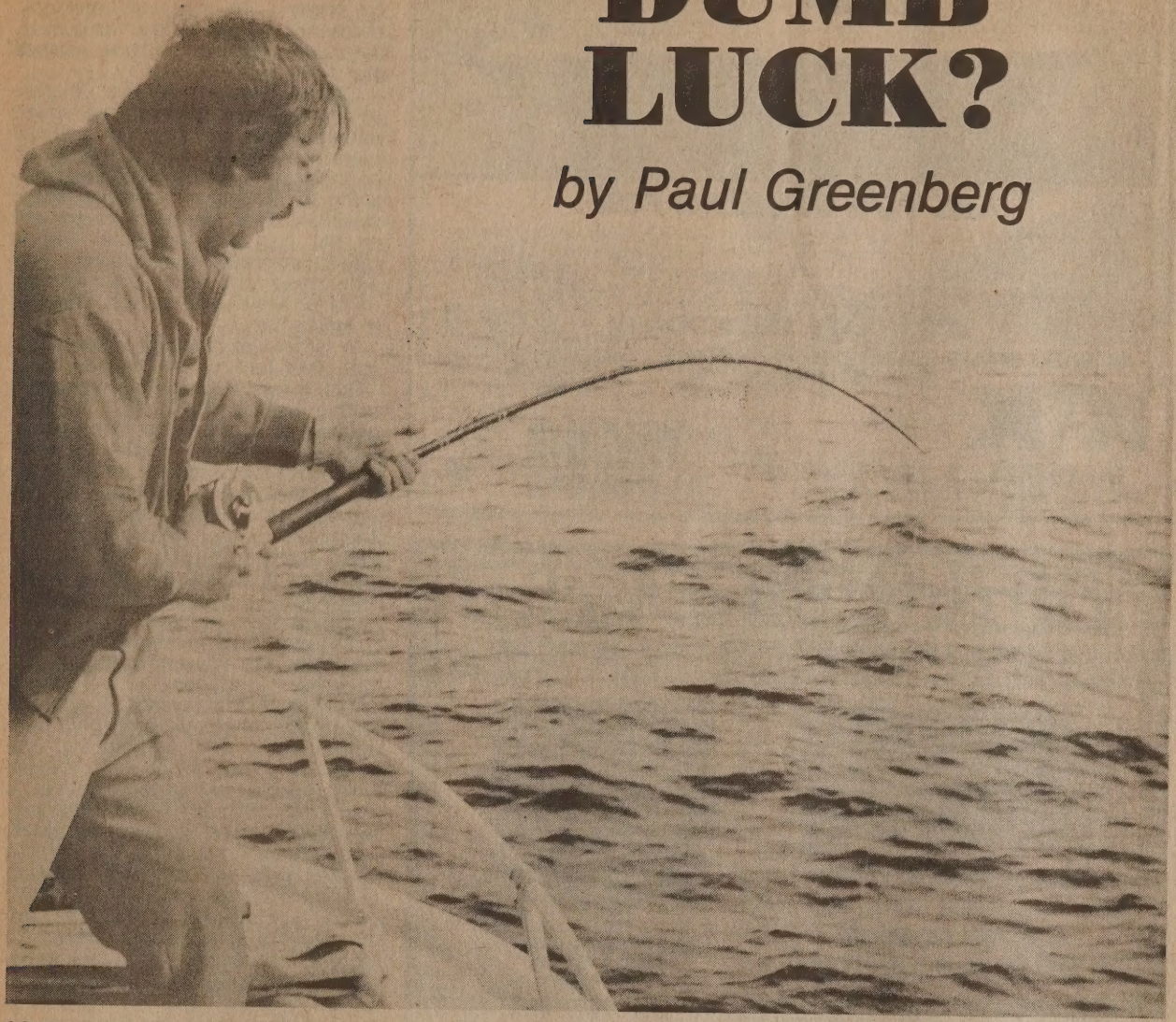
DUMB LUCK?

by Paul Greenberg



Mention the word "beginner" to an experienced party boat angler and certain unpleasant images inevitably come to that angler's mind: images of the beginner flipping his lure over innumerable lines, causing a 15 minute foul-up; images of the beginner releasing his line too hastily resulting in a frustrating backlash. But the image likely to be the most distressing to the experienced party boat angler is the image of the lucky beginner. The fact that on certain days the beginner may catch more and/or bigger fish is absolutely confounding. While the phenomenon of beginner's luck proliferates throughout the fishing world, it is perhaps most prevalent on the party boat.

Why does this phenomenon persist? Why can an eight year old kid return home with a pool winning bluefish, while his experienced father comes back with his head low and his bucket empty? Is it simply luck? After witnessing this event many times over the years, I would have to say no. For the beginner has a number of tricks up his sleeve which the beginner himself may be completely oblivious to, and which the expert often ignores.

Perhaps the chief reason for the beginner's success is his completely unorthodox approach. The beginner strays from the accepted beliefs of party boat angling not because he consciously wants to be different, but out of sheer ignorance. The novice has no preconceptions of how to bait a hook or retrieve a lure. Therefore, he proceeds in haphazard fashion, doing whatever appears to be right at the time. Nine times out of ten, the beginner's often bizarre attempts fail miserably. To understand why one out of ten times the beginner succeeds, we must examine the situation from a fish's perspective.

Imagine you are a decent sized game fish approaching 50 to 100 tasty morsels bouncing around in the water around a party boat. They all look and act pretty much the same. So there is a moment of indecision as you choose exactly which tasty morsel to eat. Suddenly you become aware of one meal that's doing some of the strangest things.

Nine times out of ten, you would pass it up to pursue a more typical quarry. But maybe you've been hooked in the past by one of those "normal" meals, or maybe you're not really hungry, and you're just feeling downright aggressive. So you dart over to that bizarre meal and chomp down on it for all you're worth. Meanwhile, the eight year old kid on the party boat above feels a tug, jerks back his rod, and screams with excitement!

The means by which the beginner varies his approach can be listed under two categories: bait/lure selection and bait/lure presentation. It should be noted that in both categories the beginner gravitates towards extremes.

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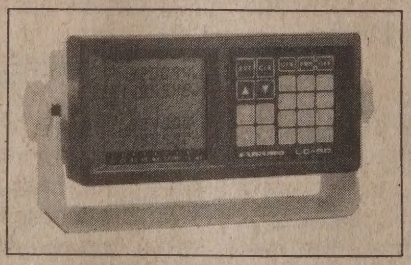

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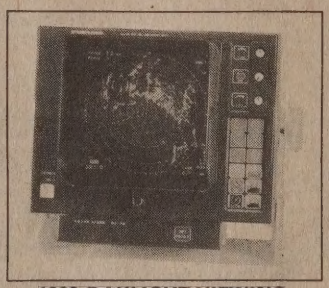

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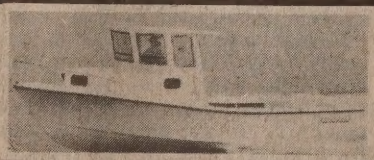

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mate will normally be asked to choose a bait or lure for the beginner. He will do so appropriately. But when the beginner is given a free rein in the matter, his choice will frequently be outlandish. He may, for instance, choose the biggest killie in the bucket, because he figures big bait catches big fish.

Choices become even more bizarre as the beginner is given the added option of color and shape in artificial lures. I witnessed such a case on an outing from Captree. We were pursuing the habitually finicky northern weakfish. That day nearly every rod on the boat was equipped with a rather inconspicuous looking light pink, three inch, lead-headed shrimp imitation which had proven effective in weeks past.

A father was rigging his son's line with this lure when the son said, "Dad, I wanna use the big green and purple one in the box!" The boy pointed to a ghastly 8 inch rubber minnow imitation. After several minutes of disagreement, the son won out. In the end, the snickers from the old salts who mocked the "Monster Minnow" were transformed into silent looks of despair. The boy left the party boat with a 9 pound weakfish in tow, while most of the regulars returned home skunked.

Lure and bait presentation by the beginner also leans toward the outrageous. Unorthodox lure retrieval occurs for several reasons. The novice may be overeager, jigging a bit or lure continuously and jerking at the slightest strike. While this method often spooks rather than entices a game fish, there are times when very aggressive game fish such as blues, and very territorial game fish such as striped bass will strike an offering presented in this fashion. Often such fish will pounce not because they are hungry, but because they are acting aggressively or protecting their territory. A territorial attack is usually not meant to devour, so the over-anxious hook setting can be effective since it's done before the fish has a chance to spit out the bait or lure.

The other principal motivation a beginner may have for varying his presentation is, unfortunately, laziness. Yet this, too, can prove effective on the right day, when the water is cold and fish may be sluggish or unwilling to chase a fast-moving target. The slowly moving offering of a lazy beginner then can become a hot item.

I recall two such instances where this happened. The first took place on an early season weakfish trip. I was fishing next to a boy about seven years old who became increasingly bored as the chances for landing a weak seemed slimmer and slimmer. Eventually, instead of repeatedly casting and jigging his lure, the boy merely plopped it in the water and proceeded to let out most of his line, allowing the lure to drift lazily with the curent. After about half an hour, an 8 pound weakfish grabbed his lure and almost pulled the rod out of the

holder where it had been sitting, unattended. With a little help from his dad, the kid landed his catch. His dad, a diligent caster and jigger, went fishless.

A similar event took place during an early season outing for winter flounder. It is generally accepted among old-time party boat flounder anglers that a flounder rig should be bounced repeatedly off the bottom, usually with several small bounces followed by a long lift. On this mid-March day, the experienced sinker bouncers were putting in their best efforts, resulting in a slow pick of small to medium size flatfish. Perhaps the water was too cold and the cold-blooded flounder lacked the energy to chase a well bounced offering.

Whatever the reason, it was an eight year old novice who again won out in the end. Like the previous youngster, he grew tired and bored with fruitless sinker bouncing. Finally he dropped his rig to the bottom, put his rod in the holder and promptly dozed off. His mother awakened him soon afterwards with the news that something was biting on his line. After a short struggle, the boy pulled a double-header of plump one pound flounder over the rail. Seeing no need to change his method, he dropped his line down and fell asleep again. Shortly thereafter he was rewarded with another double-header!

I do not by any means advocate the laziness exhibited in these situations for, as a general rule, diligence will pay off in the end. Rather it is the beginner's lack of orthodoxy, of set ideas about his goals, which I am praising.

In addition to the lack of tradition, the novice also has to his advantage the attention of the party boat's mates and skipper. Experienced skippers and mates are perhaps some of the most knowledgeable fishermen on the sea. Since they fish every single day, they're constantly privy to the most effective methods. They also know that a successful beginner is a happy beginner and a happy beginner will return to fish another day. So it makes good business sense for them to show the beginner special care. The mates often give the beginner "live" demonstrations, telling him exactly what to do. The beginner (particularly a young beginner) helps the relationship out with his unceasing curiosity. The crew is always willing to answer his questions and the beginner may make full use of their answers.

To conclude, the expert can learn several lessons from the beginner. One: experiment with bait and lure selection. Two: experiment with different forms of lure and bait presentation, no matter how outlandish they seem. Remember, desperate times call for desperate measures! Three: don't hesitate to find out from the mates and skipper what's been effective of late. If all this fails, why not swallow your pride and ask the eight year old fishing on your left what you're doing wrong.

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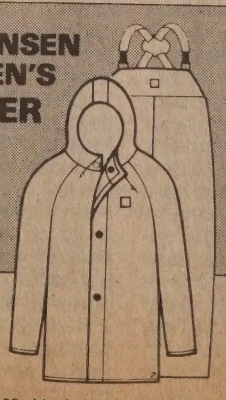

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SALMON RIVER: KINGS AVENUE

by Rich Giessuebel

Come September and many anglers' thoughts quickly center on a 13 mile long stretch of water in upstate New York called the Salmon River. Here adult chinook (king) salmon make their final migratory trek back up the famed river in search of suitable spawning grounds. These very same fish had been released as fingerlings in the river some 3 to 5 years earlier. Now, having been out in lake Ontario for these years, some return pushing scales to over 40 pounds. During the month of September and well on into October, wave after wave of these incredibly large and active fish enter the Salmon River certainly making it "King's Avenue." For a good description of the angling potential these king salmon offer, please stay tuned.

The king salmon is one of the best fighting fish anyone can attempt to catch in freshwater. Even 20 pounders when caught out in the lake take up to half an hour to land and larger fish take even longer! In the river, most fish hooked during high water are next to impossible to land, while at low water fights averaging from 10 to 15 minutes in duration can be expected. Long runs are characteristic of their fighting style and this big bruiser is not afraid to leave the water and make spectacular leaps. Fishermen are in for a real treat and battle where the king is concerned.

In the lake, anglers use light to medium tackle with from 14 to 20 pound test line. They set their drags light and as the fight wears on, they tighten down on them. It's not uncommon to have a king run off over 200 yards of line on its initial run. So, consdering the tackle, drag, size and power of the fish, average fights last a long time. True, in order to be successful in the lake, you have to have much equipment and knowledge, but where this article's concerned "in the river" even a beginner stands a good chance to catch one or more fish on any typical day.

The river we are talking about here is called the Salmon River and runs through the Village of Pulaski in upstate New York. Here the water flow is regulated by the Niagara Mohawk Power Company which releases water through turbines from the Salmon River Reservoir to the river below. On most days, the turbines are turning and the river is high. However, there are occasions when the power is down and the river is low. Let's look at how each of these conditions affect fishing.

Author with a nice king landed on a fly rod near the Route 81 Bridge on the Salmon River.

When the river's up and water's being released, it's next to impossible to safely wade anywhere in the river. You can still fish, but salmon catch totals will be greatly reduced. The main reason for this is because when a 20 to 45 pound king salmon is hooked and heads downstream, you not only have to fight the unleashed power of the fish, but you also have to contend with the current. Because the pressure created by both is so great, it takes very high pound test line to stop the fish from running. If you try using line of such poundage, it becomes next to impossible to cast. The best overall line for the type of fishing we're about to discuss is around 20 pound test. Twenty pound test line is flexible enough to cast and you can reasonably hang on to a good sized fish, even in a moderate current.

Once all the proper tackle has been assembled, the next problem is locating good hooking and landing stations. That is, since you will never land a fish where you have hooked him, especially during periods of high water, you must first find a station or position where you can most successfully hook a big salmon and then find an alternate site, somewhat downstream where you might land the big

fellow.

When fishing high water, good hooking stations are located in backwater eddies. An eddy is where a side current in the river is going in the opposite direction as the main current. Eddies offer salmon an opportunity to rest, slow down and recoup their strength for the remainder of their journey. Eddies also offer fishermen the opportunity to see their quarry, present their bait and fight the fish in an area where the current will help rather than hinder their chances of landing the fish. So, during periods of high water, fishermen should look for eddies and expect to meet the king salmon somewhere nearby.

Finding eddies in the Salmon River isn't too hard a task. Eddies are found on bends, and along straight sections of river, especially where the river closes down slightly for one reason or another. They are also associated with big river obstacles such as fallen trees or boulders. Wherever an eddy is found, here's how you should go about fishing it: Try to get an upstream position above the eddy and observe via polaroid glasses what is swimming in the pool. Once fish are observed in a particular eddy, make short casts with your bait. Direct the casts beyond the fish. That is, make certain that the bait you are using will pass the fish on the side of the fish away from you.

Once a strike is encountered, strike as hard as you can and hang on. A big salmon will usually attempt to immediately leap clear of the water. He may make several quick bursts around the pool or eddy. He may make several leaps but then he'll get down to business. The fish will head off, usually for the current. It's now when you must attempt to keep the fish in the eddy. If this is impossible and it usually is, try to have a second eddy location somewhere downriver where you can walk the fish to land.

It is most important to understand that big salmon will never be reeled in where they have been hooked. When the river is up, this is especially true. Because this is the fact, be prepared to walk along the bank and follow the fish downriver. Some guys position their friends downstream and when the fish is hooked upstream, the engaged angler tries to get the hooked fish close to one of his friends with a waiting net. If you can land the fish while he's in flight, it makes things much easier. However, the above scenario is difficult at best to pull off.

Besides eddies, another good location to fish from is off large river boulders. Make certain that these boulders are easily accessible from land. This is important because once you hook a big salmon, you will have to get to land and follow the fish downstream. Nobody said landing big salmon when the river's up was going to be easy. It isn't! Imagine having a locomotive at one end of your line, while you are struggling to step down off a rock into a moderate current. Finally, you make shore. Where's the fish? How are you ever going to land it? All these questions pass through your mind as you try to get to the best landing position.

Under low water conditions, things are considerably different. With low water anglers can readily wade and see the salmon in pool after pool from the flats above the Route #3 Bridge all the way up to the Altmar Bridge. Wherever the fish are held up, anglers line the sides of the pools and cast at the lurking shadows. Now, some of these pools are rather deep and you certainly can't walk through them without risking a swim, so extreme caution must be exhibited at all times. However, if low water conditions prevail and one is careful and follows a few simple guidelines, one can reasonably expect a safe and successful fishing experience.

Try chinook fishing on the Salmon River where some of the fish may hit 40 pounds.

Let's now consider that we've arrived at the river and we've found that the water conditions are low. How then should be proceed to maximize our chances of success?

First of all, if you're not familiar with the river, don't attempt to wade or cross the river unless you can see exactly where you are going and exactly how deep the water is in front of you. Now, wearing polaroid glasses, make your way along the bank and cross the river wherever you can see that it's safe. Look for pools and when you have found one, search through it while trying to see if there are any salmon present. Don't waste your time fishing in a pool where there aren't any fish. If you can't see any, go on to the next pool.

Upon arriving at the next pool, you notice several other anglers have already taken up position along the sides of the pool and that they are casting at several large salmon which can be readily seen swimming freely around in the pool. What you should do here is to get a place among the others where you don't take away from anyone and where you can see the fish passing in front of you. If the pool is too crowded, wait for an opening. Usually, there's plenty of room to accommodate a few extra anglers. Once in position, you can begin casting.

The key to catching the fish in front of you is to present your bait in front of and on the other side of the fish. Allow your bait to get down deep into the water about 10 feet upstream from where you see the salmon swimming. Let the bait sink toward the bottom and drift in on the fish. If the current is too strong and your bait's not getting deep enough, add weight. Should the fish be constantly moving, drift the bait through the section and then bring the bait back and try again. If the fish are maintaining a position and not moving, cast and drift by the finning fish until one strikes in the manner described above.

There's one other possibility here. You may find fish in white water shoots, but you won't be able to see them. So whenever you come upon white water, fish as if you can see them. That is, pick out locations where you think fish will be and fish just like above. Cast above the fish and allow the bait to get down deep and drift past where you think the fish are holding.

The moment a king salmon strikes, you will know! Now, raise your rod's tip up as strong and as high as you possibly can. If you're hooked up, hang on. If not, then go back, presenting the bait in the same manner over and over again. As for bait, orange sponge, orange red rubber eggs and Crazy Eggs all make good choices. Some guys try natural bait. I've caught them on shiners, worms and spawn sacs, but the rubber baits are cheaper, easier to use and more effective. So, why use the natural baits?

Remember, when fishing on the Salmon River, you can elect to fish in the snagging zone, between Altmar and Pineville Bridge, or in the non-snagging zone from the Pineville Bridge down to the Route #3 bridge. If you elect the latter, you must use a specific rig in order to be legal. Your hook can only have a gap of 1/2 inches from barb to shank and the bottom of the hook cannot be any closer than 24 inches to a ring, swivel, or three-way swivel. If there is to be any weight on the line, the weight must be above the ring or swivel. In the snagging zone, anything goes.

Well, that's about it. If you follow some of these simple points, you, too, will catch fish on King's Avenue. Just try to know whether the water is high or low. If high, know where your hooking and landing stations are. If low, seek out the pools holding the fish or drift through the other white water pools. Once a king is hooked, hang on and try your best to avoid snags and tangles. Definitely bring along polaroid glasses and be prepared to fish whatever the situation may be. Good fishing!

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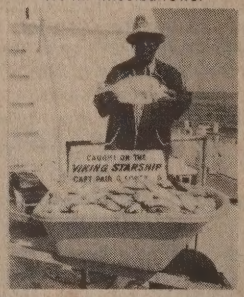

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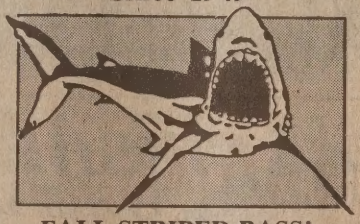

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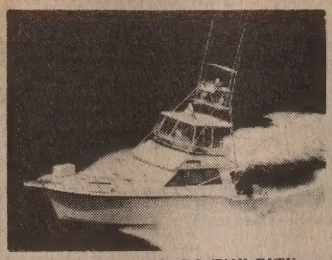

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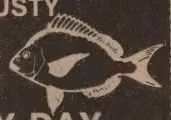

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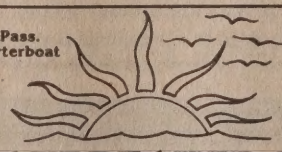

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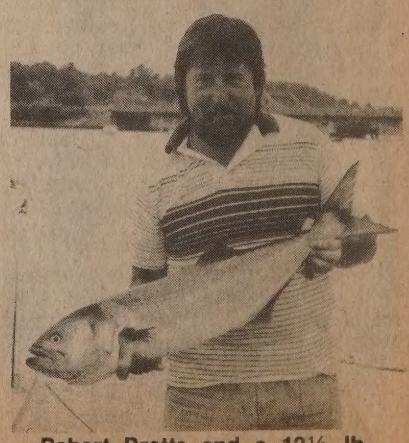

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bass trip on the full moon, resulted in 11 stripers, 2 of them weighing over 40 lbs.

Unreported last week were very good bass catches made on the charter boat **Bluefin IV** the first week in September. Catches included that made by a charter by the Lasley's with bass of 20, 25, 37, 42 and 44 pounds; the Beck charter with three keepers from 20 to 25 lbs.; the Gerrardi's with bass of 20 and 25 lbs.; charters arranged by Mr. Weinberg, Mr. Dahlman and Mr. Logothetis, all who had 2-4 bass from 20 to 25 lbs. Captain Michael Potts reported 40 to 50 bass per trip, with 40 to 60 blues.

Captain Rob Aaronson reported a fine catch of tuna on an overnight charter on the **Orion** last week, with Lou from Ohio. The group boated a bigeye of 175 lbs., 10 yellowfin tuna to 175. lbs. and a dozen longfin albacore to 60 lbs.

Anglers fishing from **Tuma's Dock and Tackle** report hot inshore action, with plenty of blues and bass, and a few Spanish and cero mackerel caught at the Point.

At **Gone Fishing Marina,** T.J. spoke of plenty of small bluefin tuna now within reach of Montauk boats. Inshore, plenty of fluke were brought in during the past week, the largest fluke weighing 13 lbs. caught on the "Sue-Jean." While most offshore action centered on tuna, a 220 lb. mako was caught by anglers on "Nina," fishing just south of the tuna fleet. Last Thursday evening, Ed Marina and his friends used eels to capture four stripers weighing from 20 to 51 lbs. and released a dozen smaller bass, also on "Nina."

Sinclair, Shermand and Maurice Curtis caught several bushels of porgies and sea bass to 3 lbs. on the charter boat **Caprice**. Because of the abundance of striped bass in the rips, Capt. Bob Storc will schedule evening trips on the October full moon, with eels and plugs used on night trips. Daytime bass trips, using diamond jigs and bucktails will also be scheduled. Call Captain Bob Storc evenings at (516) 671-7690 for full details.

Captain Bill Ricca, of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** reports catches of bluefin tuna all week. Best catches include that made by Joe Seviroli and his friends who had 4 bluefin to 90 lbs. on Monday; Stan Molinski with 6 bluefin to 147 lbs. on Friday. Captain Ricca feels that tuna will be in Montauk waters through October, with fall bass and giant Montauk blackfish through November. Call for available dates.

Plenty of tuna seen at the **Montauk Marine Basin** the past week, with catches made on charter boats such as **Montauk** and **Vivienne** fishing local waters, and marina based boats such as "Sheria" and "Wave Dancer" fishing the Canyon. Very good catches of fluke, some quite large were made on the South Side during the week.

Captain Mike Bentivegna, Jr. commenting on catches on **Pronto Charters** the past week, reported 2 tuna fought by Kevin King on Labor Day, 4 by Mark Weiss last Friday. Saturday's group encountered a slow bite; Sunday's trip was cancelled due to inclement weather. Good fishing was also had previous to Labor Day, with 4 to 7 tuna caught per trip. Charter groups included Ben Katinstein, Dick Modula, Anthony Duke, Richard Roche, Don Potenti and Dwight Andrews. Call Captain Mike for available dates for October.

Plenty of fluke were seen at **Star Island Yacht Club** last week. A typical catch took place on "Salimar," when Dr. Pisciotto landed a 7 lb. 6 oz. fluke, the largest of 24 in the catch made on the South Side. Kitty Miller caught a couple of impressive sea bass fishing with her husband Tom on "Margaret M." The fish weighed 7.6 and 7.3 lbs. Joe Klobus handled angling chores on a 148 lb. mako shark, on Chris Garrecht's "Happy Hooker." On Saturday, "Downtime" returned from a long trip with an 18¼ lb. dolphin fish caught by Charles Davis.

Miserable weekend weather held down porgy catches, but good weather on Thursday saw excellent catches of porgies, said Capt. Dusty Dorzbacher. During Saturday's bad weather, those who worked at it did manage a bucketful of porgies. But on Thursday's trip in fine weather, Mr. T.S. Park with Mr. Y.S. Park had a combined catch of 164 porgies on **Little Bear.**

Lots of fluke were brought into **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** the past week, with many anglers going strictly for doormats. Average catch has been 10 fluke, with many 5 to 6 lbs. Since the height of the doormat fluke run is just

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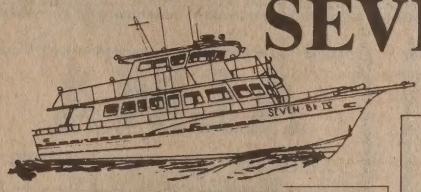
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ahead, Henry suggests calling ahead to reserve a boat for south side fluking. Because of the weekend's nasty weather some anglers decided to remain in Lake Montauk, trying for flounder. One boat returned with 26 flatties, top weight 1½ lbs. Plenty of blues are congregated under the Light; snappers are plentiful; loads of blue claw crabs in the Lake.

Rob Minist, Charlie, Fred and Billy Corring, with Bob Zimmerman and Ross Taylor changed their plans from shark to bass on Sunday, because of the outrageous weather conditions. First using bucktails, the group landed blues and some bonito on **Surfmaster II**. Then located many stripers, trolling plugs. They returned home with three bass of 18, 24 and 35 pounds.

Captain Mike Albronda states that school tuna fishing has been very good on the charter boat **Montauk**, with from 2 to 4 tuna landed per trip, mostly bluefin in the 60 to 100 lb. range. Inshore action is picking up daily, with plenty of stripers and

Joan Wagner, Gert Eberhardt, Gloria Foster, Pat Walsh, Nancy Wright and Donna Pratt with a 121 pound yellowfin tuna, a first for the Lady Reelers Fishing Club. The group also battled but lost a giant tuna and a white marlin during their charter aboard the Montauk based "Alyssa Ann" back on July 31.

blues at the Point.

Charter groups on **King Wayne** loaded up with various species the past week. On the Labor Day weekend, members of the Parkstar Fishing Club managed 38 fluke, with five of the fish weighing over 5 lbs., fishing on the South Side. Tom Thumb copped the pool on the trip. This past weekend, a charter arranged by Kevin Reilly and one with the Valley Stream Fishing Club loaded up with bluefish on hooks baited with herring, fishing the Cartwright grounds. Blues ranged from 4 to 12 lbs. On tuna trips during the week, while the group from First Winthrop Corp. caught 4 bluefin tuna, to 130 lbs. before leaving the tuna grounds early when the weather turned sour. Robert Kelly and his friends landed 11 bluefin on Friday, some on diamond jigs.

Captain Ron Grandinetti fished an area near Block Island on Friday where 6 bluefin ranging from 50 to 125 lbs. were caught by Mike Alemanno and his friends. Saturday's charter on the **Julie III** fishing inshore with Artie Wherman, returning with 127 porgies from 1 to 3½ lbs., a couple of dozen sea bass and a mess of blues. On Sunday's trip, the boat was loaded up with porgies, with Tyrone Lewis accounting for 146, taking high hook honors.

John Girolamo called us with the results of Wednesday's **Viking** tuna trip. He stated that 20 anglers caught 30 tuna, with most of the fish caught during the night in sloppy seas. Nine of the tuna weighed over 100 lbs. Mike Kolomiaris landed a 150 lb. tuna; Richard Smith's was 110 lbs., his brother's 108. Ron Chase, who just turned 86, took his time, but landed a tuna of 118 lbs. Captain Forsberg reported that the weekend's catch included three bigeye to 180 lbs. among over 50 tuna boated. Tuna trips will continue into October. The first two day Georges Banks offshore

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SOUTH FORK

Despite Sunday's downpour, a couple of anglers, fishing from **Bayview Marine and Tackle** in Sag Harbor, returned home with a decent catch of porgies, reportedly made at C Cedar Point on clams. George Pharoah heard of a pick of blackfish from the Plum Gut area. News of some catches of blues from ocean beaches also have filtered to the marina.

I joined the group aboard the **Wilhelric II** last Wednesday, departing from the **Montauk Marine Basin** for a whole day of fluking for doormat fluke. While the weather was not conducive to full day fishing on Montauk's South Side, the short time we were able to fish the area, using heavy leads because of strong southwest winds combined with full moon tides, proved that there are quality fluke to be caught under the right conditions. Pool fish of about 9 lbs. was caught by Bill Tulley. Wayne Beltrami, Barry Schwartz, Debbie Stondell and Hank Young were among those who caught fluke weighing well over 5 lbs. Call Capt. Artie Lach for reservations on these special Montauk fluke trips, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tuesday's pool was won with an 8½ lb. fluke, by Dick Rosenberg, while Bill Tulley took second place.

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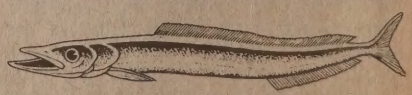

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II's sailing schedule. Beginning Monday, Sept. 28th, the targeted fish will be blues and bass, using diamond jigs, Mondays only. Since so many big bass were caught during the September full moon, special moon bass trips have been scheduled, sailing time 7PM on October 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Reservations and deposit are necessary!

Thom Speckenbach heard of a load of small striped bass mixed with large snappers at Sebonac Neck, just off the National Golf Course on Saturday. Plenty of porgies have been caught both at Heady Creek and from the south side of the old Ponquogue Bridge. Blackfish catches remain stable at the Shinnecock jetties and plenty of blues and short bass were caught from the beach near Mecox. Note that store hours at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** are changed: on Tuesday only the store will be open from 7AM to 3PM. Read ad for hours on other days.

Mickey **Altenkirch** spoke of a good bite of tuna at the Shinnecock tuna grounds all week, with 2 or 3 tuna per boat per day, bluefins and yellowfins. However, since Wednesday, many anglers reported encounters with large fish, presumed to be giants that stripped reels and could not be stopped. A few mako sharks have been hooked up on tuna tackle, most lost due to mono leaders. Canyon activity remains hot, the only deterrent being the weather. Radio chatter Sunday indicated that the "Tiger Lily" was returning from an overnighter to the Dip in bad seas with at least 6 yellowfin. Inshore, bluefishing remains very good, with some action also reported from the surf at Southampton beaches. Cerro and Spanish mackerel were caught on trolled umbrella rigs by bluefishermen. While a few flounder were caught on incoming tide at the Pon-

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quogue Bridge, best action during Sunday's pouring rain was with porgies and blackfish under the railroad bridge at the Shinnecock Canal.

Captain Gene Holland reported an extraordinary overnight canyon trip the beginning of last week, fishing the Fishtails on the charter boat **Scoundrel**. Action was so good, that only one baited hook could be put into the water, since the hits were instant. Thirteen year old Bernard Ash handled a 260 lb. bigeye tuna, the largest of three boated. Six yellowfin, from 125 to 150 lbs. were also caught. Captain Gene will be booking overnight Canyon trips until the end of October. Call him for information.

Captain Don Van De Water reported a fine catch of 9 bluefin tuna on Sunday on the charter boat, **Dutch Treat**. The fish, weighing from 30 to 55 lbs., were caught chunking at the Shinnecock tuna hole by Mr. Hildebrandt and fellow co-workers from the Jamaica Post Office. On Friday and Saturday, Capt. Don joined Capt. John Cronley on "Clipper II." While a bluefin of 107 lbs. was caught on Friday, Capt. Don heard many tales of woe by many anglers fishing who encountered possible giants that bent hooks and stripped reels. Saturday's trip resulted in 10 bluefins ranging from 40 to 70 lbs.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Colofaro

Mother Nature put a damper on the efforts of most anglers over the weekend. Although most of the rain held off until Sunday, Saturday's forecast kept many anglers in the barn and strong east winds left a big

Carol Bruggemann is blanketed by the 6.7 pound fluke she boated on August 11 while fishing out of Silly Lilly Fishing Station in East Moriches.

heave on the ocean through the weekend. Offshore fishing was completely wiped out although Captree party boats did continue to sail for ocean blues and despite the horrible conditions, they still caught fish. Probably the best news continues to be the fine early run of blackfish inside Great South Bay. Many private boatmen, turned off by the abundance of short fluke began their blackfishing early with fine results. Still snappers and crabs on the docks and the baby blues should be around until the next good cold snap.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Speaking from his **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich labeled the weekend a washout. He was quick to add however that anglers fishing during the week enjoyed a good mixed bag. There was some decent fluke action at Buoys 29 and 36 on the outgoing tide with one out of three fish a keeper. Best fluke catch during the week consisted of 20 keepers. Flounder fishing has been worthwhile at buoys 30-32 with average catches of 15 to 20 flatties per boat. Small weakfish in the 1-4 pound range are well entrenched from the Hole east of Buoy 42 to Buoy 45. Fish are being

taken on squid and worms with some catches late in the week reaching into the 50s. Crabbing remains good with one customer spending just a short while out in Sunday's rain returning from the Buoy 27 area with a couple of dozen blue claws. Still lots of bass being taken at the inlet on live bunker.

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Moriches** based **Alma Fleet** said that the Alma has been picking away on fluke between buoys 29 and 32. On Wednesday just a handful of anglers managed 18 keepers with most of them in the 2½ to 3½ pound class. Tony Manetta nailed the pool fish, a hefty 7 pounder. On Thursday 21 keepers were decked. Paul Albanese had 6 of them, including a 4 pound pool fish. On the **Alma III** on Sunday, a few keeper fluke along with quite a few blues were taken at the inlet and in the New Cut.

Fisherman field editor Tom Schlichter teamed with his brother Joe on Saturday. The pair worked Moriches Inlet and put away a fair catch of fluke and added several blues as well as a 10 pound striper. Joe nailed the striper.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From behind the counter at **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue,** Dennis Scognamillo said that there was little activity over the weekend as a result of all of the east winds and a rough ocean. Prior to the blow, Gene Wisniewsky worked just outside Fire Island Inlet on Thursday and put away 14 keeper fluke to 4½ pounds. He also had some blues and sea bass mixed with the summer flatties. Kismet Reef produced good catches of blackfish and sea bass during the week and blacks and sea bass were also taken along the rocks bordering Moriches Inlet. Liveliners continue to take big bass, blues and weakfish inside Moriches Inlet on live bunker and snappers. The local docks still producing snappers and crabs.

Capt. Dan Maggio, Fred, Danny and Bobby pose alongside the monster 600 pound mako shark they caught 16 miles southeast of Shinnecock Inlet on July 30. Dan's boat is the "Snapout."

Over at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale,** Dave Canale said that sinker bouncers have been taking a mixed bag of flounder, blackfish and porgies around the base of the Sore Thumb. Some fair flounder catches being made in the Sore Thumb Pocket. Some pretty good catches of blackfish on the Kismet Reef this week. Bob Johnson had a bunch in the 2-2½ pound class on Saturday. Good sea bass on the Fire Island Ocean Reef before the east winds which created impossible conditions on the weekend. Fluke fishing remains so-so with the best catches still being made outside. Snappers appear to have slowed a bit but are still around and still some good catches of crabs being made in Great River.

"A tough weekend with the weather" according to John Albanese of **Islander Canvas Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip.** John said very few anglers passed through the doors on the weekend but he did know of some good blackfish action on the Kismet Reef during the week and some good catches of bigger fish made from the Robert Moses shore near the site of the Old Construction Dock. Some good news concerning bay run weakfish. On Thursday, Sal Emanuele worked south of the Swimming Pool at Heckscher State Park and put away 15 weaks from 3-6 pounds on squid and sandworms.

Over at **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip,** Jim Romano lamented the east wind, a rough ocean and

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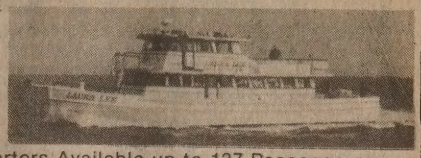

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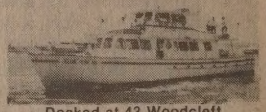

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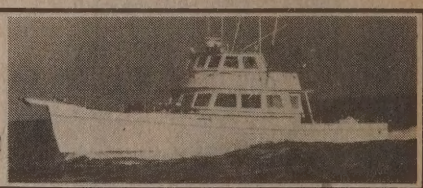

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Sunday's rain. All combined to make for one of the slowest weekends of the season. Prior to the weekend, bay fluking was hot and cold with the best action being found west of the bridge. Some nice catches still being made outside the inlet and on the F.I. Reef when sea conditions permit. Lots of sea bass being caught on squid strips around the Robert Moses bridge and some good blackfish action during the week on the Kismet Reef. Larry Boyer and Troy ignored Sunday's wind and rain long enough to take 6 fluke and a few small blues.

Carl Miller at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** had nothing to report from the weekend as a result of the poor weather conditions. Prior to the weekend, he did know that there was some decent fluking found outside the inlet along the beach to the east. There was some very good blackfish action on bay wrecks and at the Kismet Reef. Also some good scores made around the R.M. Bridge pilings and in the Lighthouse area. Wire line and umbrella rig trollers have been picking away at some nice blues and bass along the beach. Before the weekend there was some solid bluefishing southeast of the inlet in 90 feet of water along with some very good sea bass action on the Fire Island Ocean Reef. Tuna fans were shut out over the weekend but on Wednesday and Friday, several boats scored big chunking over the Virginia and Linda. Most of the fish were bluefins.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** was openly enthused with the current blackfish picture inside Great South Bay. He said that fishing this week ranged anywhere from excellent to fabulous and was hard pressed to recall a better start to the fall tautog season. Catches have been ranging 250 to 500 tog per trip with hi-hooks running between 30 and 50 fish. Sunday was one of the slow days with Dan Bossman leading the way with 31 blacks. John Wicky decked a 10.11 pound bulldog and had 19 other fish to boot. A lot of sea bass and some porgies being taken on these trips also. Squid baits are preferred for the latter two species while fiddlers have been turning the trick for the blacks. Neil has been working bay reefs and wrecks.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Captree** based **Speedy Fleet** said that despite nasty seas from the recent easterly storm bluefishing remained good for those able to stand up at the rail. The best fishing continues to be east of the inlet. The rough seas forced Speedy to cancel Monday's planned tuna trip. It was scheduled to depart at 1AM but Sunday's horrible conditions made cancelling the trip the most prudent decision. Tuna trips have been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 22 and Monday, September 28. Reservations are required and you can call for more info at 516-661-1652.

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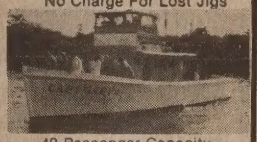

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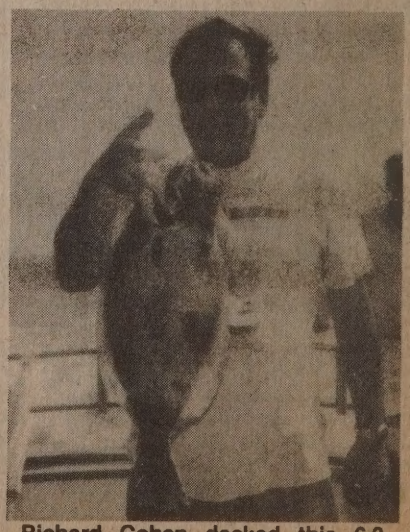
ocean bluefish action as well as the good blackfishing underway in the bay. He added that shore fishermen have been taking blacks from the Robert Moses Pier and along the Oak Beach shore near the rockpiles and the OBI. The Fisherman's Walk continues to produce snappers. A couple of nice fish were weighed by fares fishing aboard the Capt. Joseph II on Friday. Gus Dodenhoff nailed a 7.6 pound flattie while J. O'Hara clicked with a 4.4 pound sea bass.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen II** asked that we remind customers that he is currently fishing the Fire Island Reef area for mixed sea bass, porgies and blackfish every day except Tuesday and Saturday when he is continuing to run special doormat fluke trips. Weekend fishing on the reef and wrecks was good during the week but suffered greatly on the weekend due to strong east winds and rough sea conditions. Despite the poor conditions, night bluefishing remained very good all week, through the easterly blow Sunday night. Bluefishing being done in 80 feet of water with average catches of 10 to 20 per man.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** has been mixing up bay and ocean trips. He fished the ocean reef three days this past week and reported decent action with quite a few 3 and 4 pound fluke as well as a couple in the 5 to 6 pound class. He called the bay fishing fair with some trips producing up to 6 to 7 keepers for better anglers. A few sea bass in the 2-3 pound range are mixed with the fluke on the ocean trips. Night bluefishing has been super for fish in the 5 to 12 pound range. Fishing is being done just an hour from the dock. An 18 pound wahoo was an added bonus on one of this week's trips.

Capt. Richie Westerlind of the open boat **Capt. Richie** reported a fair pick of fluke from the bridge to the inlet



Richard Cohen decked this 6.3 pound fluke aboard the Freeport based "Captain II" back on August 8. It was caught in Jones Inlet.

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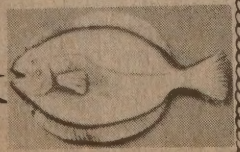

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John Pagillo and a 10.5 lb. blackfish caught aboard the Bay Shore based open boat, "Laura Lee."

and noted that lots of sea bass are mixing with the fluke. Richie reminded that he will be sailing a Fall Special for full day fluke on Wednesday and Fridays as well as weekends and holidays. Sailing time will be 7AM.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** berated the horrible weekend conditions. Saturday was very difficult with strong east winds and rough seas while Sunday was too rough to even leave the dock. During the week saw some pretty fair action with mixed catches of sea bass, porgies and a few blackfish on Thursday. Carl figured about 250 sea bass to 3½ pounds and some porgies to 2 pounds were taken. On Friday, anglers fared better with 350 sea bass taken along with porgies and some blues and fluke. Herb Smith totaled 31 sea bass and a couple of other fares had catches in the 20s.

Speaking from **Babylon Fishing Station**, George Stevenson said that none of his customers tested the ocean on Saturday or Sunday. George sailed aboard Sandy Shanks' Hydro-Therapy on Friday along with his brother Terry. The trio ran to the canyon and returned with a 130 pound bigeye and 5 yellowfin from 25 to 65 pounds. On Tuesday, the charter boat Capt Hook fished a party from A&N Marine Welding. They put away 4 bluefins from 60 to 100 pounds and a 70 pound yellowfin. Later in the week, Jack Elo's group returned aboard the Capt. Hook with bluefin of 65 and 90 pounds. George expects a good tuna week coming up with most of the action centered on offshore wrecks like the Virginia and Bacardi as well as at the Canyon. George added that next month, Capt. Jim McCoy will become the new owner of the Captree based Shearwater. Inside the bay, George spoke of some nice catches of blackfish at the Kismet Reef and labeled that the best bet for sinker bouncers. He did hear of a 7 pound fluke taken this week near the inlet.

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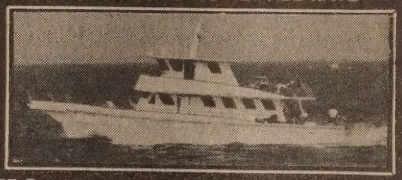

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John Gattuso at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** weighed a couple of impressive blackfish on Saturday. He thought both came from the Kismet Reef. Jack Uhland put a 10.11 pound tog aboard the Karen E while his partner Gaspar Garaputo nailed a 10.8 pounder. No offshore news on the weekend but on Friday, Ed Festa nailed a 101 pound yellowfin aboard Warren Winter's 'Broker'. The Babylon Tuna Club's weekend bluefish contest suffered from a scarcity of entries as a result of the storm. George Huggler found his winning 9.13 pound fish aboard the Capt. Speedy. Pete Nowinski nailed down 2nd with a 4.9 and Steve Leder was right behind with a 4.8 pounder. Pete Nowinski also had a 6 pound king mackerel.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** labeled the weekend a washout but he did ask that we inform customers that he has made the switch to flounder and will be sailing 8AM from Tuesday thru Sunday. He will begin his floundering in the State Channel and all bait will be provided.

Mike Andreani at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** noted some improvement to the fluking except during those days with strong east winds. Some fair catches of fluke mixed with some sea bass near the R.M. Bridge. Good blackfishing at Kismet and some flounder being taken in the Sore Thumb Pocket. Liveliners continue to take big weakfish prior to the east winds but no word on this fishing since the end of last week. Crabbing and snapper fishing remains excellent locally. Herb Kaulich was looking for snappers while casting a small tin behind the Sore Thumb last week. He was very much surprised when a Spanish mackerel of nearly 4 pounds jumped on his small lure.

From **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst,** Jimmy Schaefer had nothing to report from the weekend but did have some info from during the week. On Tuesday, Dan and Sean Reismilier used white umbrella rigs in 60 feet of water southeast of the inlet to troll both blues and bonito. Blackfishing was good during the week at the R.M. Bridge and Kismet Reef. Sea bass are mixed with the blacks in both locations. Mike Hancock had 12 blacks to 7 pounds and a 3½ pound triggerfish at the Bridge. There seem to be a few more keeper fluke around the inlet area but bigger fish are still a safer bet outside. Plenty of snappers and crabs still inside the bay.

A slow weekend according to Bob

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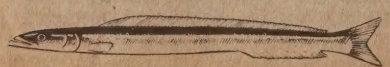
Scotty Molnar, speaking from **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, said that he was part of the crew aboard 'Destination Unknown' on Friday. They fished the 500/500 line and boated 6 bluefins from 50 to 140 pounds. Twenty other tuna were released. This all chunking. Weaks up to 14 pounds being livelined on snappers near the Sore Thumb according to Scott and lots of sea bass mixed with a few fluke near the R.M. Bridge. Blues were on the Patchogue Grounds and the Fire Island Reef prior to the easterly blow.



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West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Though the weekend's fishing was hurt somewhat due to the windy, rainy weather, fishing during the weekdays ranged from good to superduper. Fall flounder are building, fluke sizes and keeper ratios are better inside and in the ocean. Very decent catches of mostly yellowfin tuna have been caught on inshore wrecks and offshore wrecks. Bluefishing continued to be dynamite almost everywhere. Loads of snappers, good hauls of BCCs were had also striped bass available at the bridges for clam chummers and inside mixed bags have been pretty strong. All in all, a very good week of fishing was had.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Marie at **Wanser's Tackle in Seaford** knew from customers that the number of keeper fluke was up, with one regular customer bagging 11 nice fluke. There has been good blackfishing at local bridges and inshore wrecks, while the flounder action has been fair to good in the holes at the bridges, Black Banks and off the CG station. Snapper fishing has been super with loads of them at Seaman Neck Park. One customer by the name of Bill had 11 tuna himself fishing the Virginia on Friday.

Over in **Wantagh, Causeway Bait and Tackle** also told of an upswing in the fluking despite the weather as to fish size and the keeper ratio. Mike says best was in Zachs Bay, Black Banks, the bulkhead drain at Squaw and Wanser's Cut on killies or sand eels. Ginny Trepeta of North Babylon weighed in a 4 lb. 4 oz. fluke caught at the 2nd Wantagh, while Al Keidong bagged a 5 lb. 12 oz. fluke on the Rockaway artificial reef. Flounder activity has been steady on smallish fish in various deep holes on bloods and red clam. Tons of small porgies and some sea bass in the bay. Blackfish very good on fiddlers at the Big M and Fundy bridge. A 6 lb. 4 oz. superman sea bass was hoisted by Milt Hughes working an ocean wreck on yellow clam. Big blues in the bay on live bunker at night with a few big stripers mixed in. A few 6 to 8 lb. weakfish also taking live bunker at the CG station and in Jones. Willie Hoehn nailed a 28 lb. 1 oz. striper on a bunker chunk, spot undetermined and Artie Berke had his 45 lb. yellowfin tuna at the Mud Hole this week.

At **Garan's Tackle in Merrick**, Randy tells of the increase in flounder action at the Big M and off the CG station on worms, while the bluefishing remained very good at Cholera particularly at night. Clam chummers are getting stripers at the bridges, fish mostly shorts. Fluke at the offshore wrecks, 3 to 5 lbers. The steel and stone barges have been hot for big fluke. A customer weighed in a 12 lb. fluke take at the Steel Wreck.

A call from Captain Sy of the **Bluefin Fleet** in **Freeport** advised of continued excellent bluefishing both day and night, weather permitting. Friday's high hooks were in the 40s for several fares, fish so abundant that 200 were left for the crew, all fish 4 to 8 lbers. On another trip, Dick Gregory had 27, Larry Stratton 23, Doug Kuedman 23, and Milt Rubinstein 21. Daytime fish are going to 8 lbs. and nighttime gorillas to 14 lbs., though most are 4 to 8 lbers. Tom Boulton on a fluke trip tagged a 5 lber. along the beach. The boat's tuna trips have been sailing and reservations going like hot cakes, but the skipper says

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We hear from JR at **Sea Isle** of the brisk blackfishing at the local bridges on fiddlers or green crab and of the continued excellent bluefishing. Very decent tuna action right through Friday at the rock piles and Virginia and Bacardi Wrecks, mostly yellowfin, some bluefin. Flounder activity has picked up and the fluke seem to be moving out now with many very decent size keepers being caught.

Captain Pat of the **Lady J Fleet** talked of very good bluefishing during the week whenever the weather was good, on bait and chum on the daytime trips as well as the nights. Due to weather, the charters fished the bay taking mixed bags of flounder, fluke, sea bass, porgies and blacks. Trips this week were sailed for: Breed, Abbott and Morgan, Inc., Forest Park Inn FC, Brooklyn Union Gass FC, Bank Lumie, Louis Ciappetto group, and Steve Zimmerman party.

Aboard Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II**, the skipper said that with the exception of being weathered out Saturday night and Sunday, bluefishing all week long was good and consistent, on both day and night trips. Fish have been running 3 to 16 lbs., with jigs and bait and chum being used on daytime trips and strictly bait at night. All action has been within 15 miles of the inlet and there have been occasional bonito and albacore mixed in.

We learned from the **Captain Lou Fleet** that the **CL VI** had good fluking this week in the ocean, weather and conditions permitting with Friday's catch being super. Captain Mike says that the boat may be flounder fishing this weekend on the full day trips, so please call if you have any question. See ad for number. On the **CL V**, the half day flounder trips have been very decent. Friday AM Paul Weterau bagged 30 flatties. Saturday AM Don

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and Muriel had a total of 50 mixed fish. Saturday's PM trip had Pete and Ricky with 30 flounder and on Sunday regular Larry took the pool in the AM with a 2½ lb. flounder and in the PM trip Larry had 75 mixed bag variety. Mort Berger took a 4 lb. fluke. Plenty of porgies and sea bass to be had with a few weaks and fluke mixed in.

We hear from the **Miss Freeport II** that the boat has now switched to flounder. See ad for new sailing schedule. The night blue trips have been very good to excellent said the skipper. He also advised that the day trips are getting very decent catches of mixed flounder, sea bass and porgies.

We hear from Bob at the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** that on Thursday, several Association charter boats loaded up on YFT at the Bacardi, fish all in the 100 lb. category. Super bluefishing all over, with Middle Grounds, Angler Grounds, Cholera and the Mud Buoy being hot. The **Super Spray** has been having excellent night fishing said Bob while continuing to pick away at keeper fluke on the day trips. The bay is holding excellent mixed bags.

In nearby **Point Lookout** Captain Al Lindroth's **Captain Al** continued to enjoy excellent bluefishing all week long taking fish 4 to 10 lbs. at Cholera on bait and chum. Absolute dynamite fishing said the skipper, just about all the fish you want.

From **Ed's Fishing Station** comes further proof of the very much improved fluking. On Thursday, Ed Puzio and Fred Poniewozik of NJ gathered up 108 keeper fluke fishing the Middle Bay flats on killies and spearing, incoming tide. On the same day, Andy Risko and Andy Walatek and Bruno Gabriel totalled 81 keeper fluke, same place, same bait, same tide. We also heard of lots of blackfish being caught at Big M on fiddlers.

On the charter boat **Marie III** this week's action in the bay was of a fall mixed bag of flounder, fluke, sea bass, blacks and porgies, 20 to 40 a man, fish mixed sizes, all on clam. Best action was in Reynolds and the Big M. Night bluefish trips saw very good catches running 10 to 15 lbs. at Cholera on bait and chum.

On the two trip a day **Night Hawk** fares fished in Reynolds Channel and at the Meadowbrook bridge area and had excellent catches of the various mixed bag species, all on clam.

We hear from the **Miss Point Lookout** that the fall floundering got off to a decent start with a bonus of sea bass and porgies mixed in. Thursday's light crowd had roughly 190 fish caught. The sea bass are running 1½ to 2 lbs. but the porgies are small. Flood tide has been best for the flounder. Saturday AM the Blues Brothers had 16 fish to 1¾ lbs., on the PM trip Fred Cattele had 37 mixed fish, while on Sunday Al Stevens was high hook with 20 good flounder. Outgoing is seeing more mixed bag catches. The boat's night bluefishing has been excellent with small crowds getting anywhere from 20 to 50 fish a man, fish to 18 lbs.

Over at **Scotty's Fishing Station** we learned of John Aluska and his 7 lb. 2 oz. fluke taken on sand eel-squid combo on incoming by the sand bar. Irene Nozitsky hoisted a 3¼ lb. fluke using live killies in Jones. Blacks and porgies at the bridges and flounder mostly in deeper holes.

At **Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook,** Bill advised that through Thursday there was good tuna fishing at the Virginia and at the Mud Hole. Inshore at Cholera, buoy 4, 17 Fathoms and the Tower, blues were excellent with the party boats now taking them daytime on bait and chum. Fluking good at Ambrose Channel and Norton's Pt. with doormats up to 11 lbs. Bay fluking has built, with more keepers than normal this week. Excellent blackfishing at the bridges and at the T and Rota Wrecks. The Bay bottom is alive with mixed bags, while the ABB continues to yield various sized stripers for clam chummers. Lots of big blue claws in Woodmere Park and even a few weakfish at the Big M and 3rd Wantagh at night and early AM on live baby blackfish and snappers. Big blues at night off the Jones Beach piers and Magnolia Blvd. Piers.

A call from Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** out of **Atlantic Beach** told of his very good tuna trips this week at the New Jersey Mud Hole, YFT 60 to 150 lbs. and BFT 25 to 40 lbs. Ron said the yellowfin are moving further offshore as the temperatures drop and the bluefin are going in just the opposite direction. The weekend was weathered out. Ron said many giants are being marked, but no hits. Bluefishing has been super and the weakfishing has been best this past week of the whole season.

NEW YORK BIGHT

In **East Rockaway**, Joe at **Skippy's Tackle** spoke of the decent fluking at Ambrose Channel. John Kohler was happy with 50 keeper fluke to 5 lbs. fishing over the crummy weekend. Good sea bass fishing at the bridge

and inshore wrecks. A few big stripers at the bridges, particularly the Big M. A few triggerfish to 3½ lbs. have been caught. Flounder are starting up again. Blues are just about everywhere while big fluke are inhabiting the offshore and inshore wrecks. Sea bass on the wrecks should be fished with killies to get around the bergalls.

Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle in Howard Beach** termed the fluking good particularly at the inlets with the fish on the move. Jumbo fluke of the week was a 15¼ lb. doormat caught by Charlie Howard off the Breezy Point jetty on live sand eels on the ebb. Very good mixed size bluefishing off the bridges and in Jamaica Bay with a 15½ lber. weighed for Joe DaSilva taken at the Marine Parkway bridge on squid, incoming tide. A 15 lb. 2 oz. blue was the reward for Pete Muff, at the Marine Parkway bridge on incoming using a bunker fillet. Thornton Booker using a chunk bagged a 12 lb. 7 oz. weak behind the beach channel high school. Snappers and porgies very good on both moving tides with blackfish starting on fiddlers and jackers socking it to the BCCs at night.

To the west in **Sheepshead Bay** we learn from the **Zephyr V** that good fluking was had through Friday at the channels with weather forcing the fishing into Sandy Hook and Jamaica Bays on the weekend with a decent number of keepers being caught there too. Captain Butch said Friday night's bluefishing was dynamite.

We hear from Capt. Al Coley of the **Betty W IV** of the super fabulous day and night bluefishing on bait and chum mainly, with some fish jigged too. Everything was catching, said Al. Sunday was a wipe out due to weather. Action was very local just a

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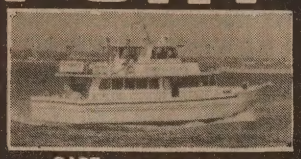

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little south of Ambrose. Fish were mixed to 17 lbs., with a few albies and bonito mixed in.

This fall fishing is GREAT, said Capt. Bob of the **Flamingo III**. Even Bob's 5 year old son John on Friday had 9 bluefish to 13 lbs. Bluefishing is just excellent on bait and chum or jigs. Catches have been super every day drifting the Mud buoy area with some albies and bonito mixed in. A 17½ lber. took the pool Saturday and there were a lot of contenders. Usually it's a few close in drifts off the Breezy Pt. Jetty, then it's off to bonanza city. The night trips have been super too, he said.

The Wee Willie report from **Mike's Tackle** across from the fleet told of very good bluefishing off Seabright with bait being used nowadays also, with bonito and albacore mixed in. There's been good fluking at Ambrose channel through Friday followed by good fluking on the inside during the weekend due to weather. Lots of porgies being caught with local action best followed by some Jersey spots. Blackfish starting to be caught on the **Pilot II** and good tuna catches on the boats going for them.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Easterly swells and Sunday's rain made fishing difficult in the open waters of Long Island Sound, but harbor action on large bluefish was torrid in the mid-Island sector. A few impressive scores on fluke were racked up by boats that fished the late part of the season, and porgy action is still building toward a fall peak.

WESTERN SOUND

John Palmieri at **John's Gun and Tackle** in New Rochelle said that early morning action for bluefish was good all week in the harbors. New Rochelle, Mamaroneck, Milton, Larchmont, City Island and Manhasset Bay all had their innings. Chunkers were running into plenty of bass from shorts to 20 lbers. and there was some good fluking last week in spots.

Jack's Bait on City Island saw lots of porgies coming in with the party boats. Tautog anglers were starting early with sales of fiddler crabs picking up. The Over the Hill Gang managed 21 bluefish in one hour off Garvey's, according to John Cacciola at **Glen Cove Sport Shop**. Flounder were accommodating pier anglers already with surprising sizes over 3/4 lbs. Bluefish were everywhere.

Carl Giangrande on the **Reliable** was still fluking south of the Verrazano with the action holding nicely. A Wednesday night charter for bluefish was a success and Friday's action on scup off Bayville, Larchmont and Mamaroneck was reasonable. Sunday was tough for customers, according to Dom Cerbone on the **Apache**. Because of the northeast swell, fishing deeper spots was too uncomfortable, so the boat picked numbers of smaller fish for twenty fares. Most managed 25 to 30 scup with a few tautog. Both the **North Star** and the **Apache** drew crowds on Saturday.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Without exception, all boats reported great action on bluefish. Roy Cash said that the **Port Jeff Ace** was enjoying "two hours of frantic action" every night on the Middle Grounds and plans to sail until month's end on the choppers. The wild bluefishing compensated somewhat for bad weather bottom fishing during the late part of the week. John Pellegrino told us that he'll be booking the **Noli Eileen** on a 7 day schedule through November. Although Jack Conroy and Courtney Allen had a slow Sunday on bluefish, Lou Natale's four person party had a load of choppers to 10 lbs. with a few bass around the Nissequogue. Anthony Taverna said that Milt and Toan Klein enjoyed chunking for a load of bluefish on the **Morning Star** with some 50 choppers to 10 lbs. "Sure beats Lake Ontario," said Toan.

John Alberda only has a few October and November charters left around the moons, but he's had solid action lately for **Sound Charters**. Tom McMillan had some 45 blues to 11 lbs. while Dan Goodman's foursome loaded 75 blues plus a pair of bass that were released. Fred Mildner of the **Hawkeye** figures that "the best is yet to come." Right now he figures anywhere up to a century work of blues every day with average sizes over 5 lbs. and a few to 15. It's all diamond jigging!

Jerry Cedar at **Huntington Prop** said that Charlie Burke had a half dozen or so keeper fluke every day last week and that Lee Allen had a

High Tide Tables

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THURS.	4:10	4:30	5:05	5:35	5:00	5:20	6:20	6:30	8:35	9:00	7:50	8:10	4:10	4:35	9/17
FRI.	5:10	5:30	6:05	6:25	6:00	6:15	7:10	7:20	9:25	9:45	8:45	9:00	5:05	5:30	9/18
SAT.	6:05	6:20	6:50	7:10	6:50	7:00	7:50	8:00	10:10	10:30	9:30	9:45	5:55	6:10	9/19
SUN.	6:50	7:00	7:30	7:50	7:35	7:45	8:25	8:35	10:50	11:05	10:10	10:25	6:35	6:55	9/20
MON.	7:30	7:40	8:10	8:25	8:10	8:20	9:00	9:15	11:20	11:30	10:45	11:05	7:15	7:35	9/21
TUES.	8:05	8:15	8:45	9:00	8:45	8:55	9:35	9:50	11:40	11:50	11:20	11:40	7:55	8:10	9/22
WED.	8:40	8:50	9:20	9:40	9:15	9:25	10:05	10:25	11:55	—	11:55	—	8:30	8:50	9/23
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Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
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Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
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Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
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Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
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FRI.	9/18	6:43	7:06
SAT.	9/19	6:44	7:05
SUN.	9/20	6:45	7:03
MON.	9/21	6:46	7:01
TUE.	9/22	6:47	6:59
WED.	9/23	6:48	6:57

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
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FRI.	9/18	1:50AM	5:15PM
SAT.	9/19	2:55AM	5:40PM
SUN.	9/20	3:55AM	6:05PM
MON.	9/21	5:00AM	6:25PM
TUE.	9/22	6:05AM	6:45PM
WED.	9/23	7:05AM	7:05PM

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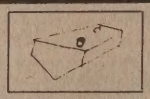

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fine catch of scup plus a few weakfish in Centerport. Hank Dam had good action all week on the blues in Cold Spring Harbor.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** sampled the outrageous action on blues in Northport Harbor on Thursday morning for two hours. He and a friend brought 17 slammers to 15 lbs. to the boat and most of these were taken on poppers. Bowman advises weekday daytime fishing to avoid both traffic and the huge number of moorings in the harbor. The Lilco loading platform was a good spot for scup and for tautog, too, if you could drift a line right under the pilings.

George Valentine at **Four Winds** said that the harbor alligators took almost any plug thrown at them with big Gibbs swimmers the favorites. Top action was off West Shore Road on Sunday and a couple of 19 lbers. were weighed at the shop on Thursday. Jigging off the OB was good for 30 or more choppers to 6 lbs. if you could get there, while fluke fishing off Lloyd's had picked up to the point where some boats had a dozen keepers a day.

Ralph's Fishing Station in Mount Sinai recommended chunking for blues to 12 lbs. about a half mile offshore in 25 to 30 feet of water. There were a lot of local blues in harbors and channels as well. Bill at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** kept repeating "bluefish" five times in succession, so he wasn't kidding. His entire stock of Atoms is gone, thanks to a 9 day blitz off Cedar Beach on fish to 17 lbs. Bigger fish seem to be closer to the inlet with smaller choppers to 8 lbs. off the Pavilion. Most days, the action lasts for only an hour or so after sunup and then repeats at dusk. Poppers are much better than tin or even bunkers.

NORTH FORK

Bill Stamatis at **Warren's** felt you could find bluefish in the 7 lb. class any time during the day around Mattituck Inlet. Best fishing was mornings and evenings on butterfish chunks. Some beach jockeys had short bass on poppers and tins. Further east, Charlie Caraftis at **Charlie's Mattituck Fishing Station** was looking at full buckets of scup with the biggest fish in the 1¼ to 1½ lb. range Action early in the week was off the Motel, but the best fishing Friday was off the Firing Range, if you braved the swell and got into more than 25 feet of water. Chum and bait with clam if possible.

Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** reported some nice catches of scup along with a couple of weakfish from the South Race and the Middle Grounds. The best hauls were made by those who anchored and chummed the incoming water on Saturday. Meanwhile at **Pleasures of the Sea** in Southold, Jim Dunkirk liked the diamond jigging action in the little 90 foot hole in Southold Bay. Blues over

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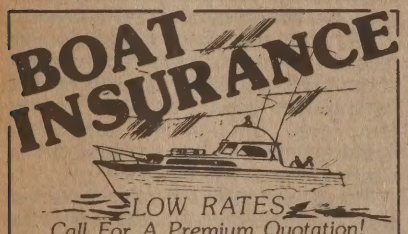

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5 lbs. made up most of the catches.

Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time III** will be bottom fishing on ebb and fluking on flood tides this week. Because the fluke are so large when you find them, it pays to keep trying. A 9 year old split a pool with a 75 year old on Saturday with a pair of 5½ lbers. and the Friday pool winner weighed 8½. However, numbers were poor in the poor weather. Thursday was excellent, with 15 fares accounting for 30 keepers. Hangers weighed 5, 6, 6, 7¼ and 10 lbs. that day! The **BoAnne II** has finished her open sailings as of the weekend, but Pete Izzo is lining up charters for the fall. Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** has daytime charters for blues in 2 to 12 lb. sizes. A few weaks and stripers liven up most days and the torrid jigging keeps getting better as the season goes on.

Jensen also detailed the dynamite fishing he's enjoyed during the recent moons, alternating between eels and bucktails. The boat has had about 100 bass in 8 nights with 10 over 50 lbs. On the best night, Jensen released 30 linesiders over 30 lbs. and one cow that weighed an estimated 57 to 58 lbs.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Many anglers got into the fray with big North Shore blues this past week. There was red hot action in Huntington Harbor, Port Jeff Harbor and Mt. Sinai Harbor along with lots of activity along Sound beaches in between.

Montauk remains clogged with blues from three to seven pounds with some bigger choppers mixed in. The fishing has been incredibly consistent, even through the weekend's easterly blow and fish are spread over a large area at the Point.

The South Shore's open beaches were rendered pretty much unfishable by the storm with a heavy surf and tremendous sweep making for almost impossible conditions. Those who were able to work around the inlets however did find a few fish for the taking though most were colored blue.

From **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** spoke of lots and lots of blues every day this week with most of the fish being taken on popping plugs and some on tin. Fishing on the weekend was concentrated up front from the Lighthouse to North Bar and at Shagwong. The abundance of blues has made any serious attempts at bass and weaks after dark an effort in frustration. The blues have been just as active after dark and were settled into all the usual bass haunts. Despite all the blues, Dennis O'Connell did manage

to cull two weaks from the suds on Friday night. An occasional weak or bass is mixed with the blues after dark up front, but it has been tough getting through the choppers. After dark Needlefish and darters turn the trick.

From **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello reported a catch of 40 blues from 4 to 8 pounds for Mark Malinoski Friday night. Mark took the fish at Montauk on Superstrike darters and Needlefish. Paul Schumann used a Superstrike darter to turn the table on a 36 pound striper early Saturday morning. The fish was reportedly taken on the east end. Many of his customers spent much of the week wearing themselves out on big blues on the opposite shore. Paul noted that Mt. Sinai Harbor and adjacent Cedar Beach produced lots of big blues from 10 to 14 pounds on popping plugs Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. Sunday was a dud.

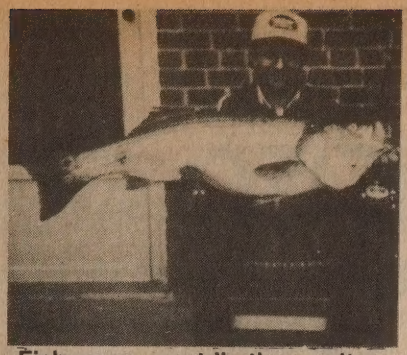
Over at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Dave Canale also mentioned the hot bluefish action that occured at Mt. Sinai Harbor late last week with big blues harassing schools of bunker. Closer to home, Sal Pantaleone used plugs and bait to take some blues to 13 pounds on the Cedar Bar Friday.

Lawrence Fornaro put mackerel chunks to work at Robert Moses on Sunday. The baits paid off big as he beached a 14.4 pound blue and then topped that with a 38.14 pound striper. Both were weighed at **Captree Bait and Tackle**. Bobby Sprenger, who reported these fish added that big blues were grabbing snagged bunker at the Jones Beach fishing piers on both Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Jimmy Schaefer of **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst** knew of a pick of blues at Cedar Beach and Democrat Point on bait and plugs. Back on Wednesday, Lenny Baldasare used a light spinning rod to take a pair of 8 pound blues at Democrat.

Striper Surf Club member and PR man Joe Vezo relayed word of a couple of fine fish beached by club members this past week. On Thursday evening, John Williams used bait to take a 31 pound striper at Jones Beach. On Friday night, Nick Schiralli worked the Cedar Bar for a 15½ pound bluefish.

Up on the North Shore, that wild bluefishing we mentioned earlier was again the topic of conversation. At **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** in **Huntington**, George Valentine spoke of some wild action taking place in the Harbor along West Shore Rd. and off of the Town Dock. Most of the fish had been in the 11 to 14 pound range but on Thursday some real slammers joined the carnage. A lot of 17 to 18 pound class blues were landed from the Huntington Harbor shore. None however quite matched Rocco Florio's 19.13 pound slammer. The big blues most recently invaded the Harbor shore on Sunday with big blues taken all day long from the dock and West Shore Rd. Ninety percent of the action has been on big swimming plugs and poppers.



Fisherman contributing writer, Vince Badame has his hands full with this 42 pound striper. The big cow gobbled a live bunker fished from the Jones Beach shore back on July 8.

The action has been no less frantic to the east where Stan Hentschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** described it as a "real circus". He spoke of excellent action with blues from 10 to 17 pounds chasing bunker in Mt. Sinai and Port Jeff harbors as well as along the outside beaches. The only slow day in the past week was Sunday with just a handful of fish taken in the afternoon. Prior to that, the fishing had been red hot for at least 5 consecutive mornings. Any popper readily drew strikes but some anglers also used bunker chunks. Stan noted that there have also been some nice bass in the 10 to 20 pound class picked along the Sound beach between Shoreham and Hagerman's Landing on Bombers on night tides. Also a couple of decent bass taken from amidst the choppers on Pencil Poppers.

Freshwater REPORT

with Tom Schlichter

Bass, trout and pickerel continued to respond positively to cooling water temperatures this week, however, not many anglers seem to be taking advantage of this sweet water activity.

At **Beckman's Bait and Tackle, Lynbrook**, Bill Beckman noted that freshwater activity had slacked off considerably in recent weeks. With the kids back in school and surf fishing heating up, freshwater reports are becoming increasingly scarce. Bill did know, however, that largemouth bass are ready and willing at Hempstead Lake for those who'll give it a try. On Saturday, John Schmum of Rosedale, worked this location and nailed a 2.7 lb. bass on a small Rebel lure.

At **Pine Grove Outfitters, Ronkonkoma**, Fred Kruse reports fishing on Lake Ronkonkoma to be unchanged since last week. Still 2 to 3 lb. bass and plenty of panfish available. No word on catfish or carp. With water temperatures beginning to drop, now might be a good time to try for some tiger muskies.

Fishing for sea run brown and rainbow trout has been very good in Connetquot River State Park Preserve according to park manager Gill Bergen. The weekend's rains may have kept a few anglers at home, but it also triggered a run of big fish. Quite a few 3 to 5 lb. rainbows were collected on both Saturday and Sunday, and some of the browns ran even larger. Large streamers are working exceptionally well. Gill expects solid fishing to continue right into October.

From **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**, came confirmation of the fast paced Connetquot River trout fishing. Phil Briggs noted that in addition to the park, both Rattlesnake Creek and Bubbles Falls were producing fish. The best trout weighed in this week was actually taken in Swan Lake, Patchogue. Mike McGrath was the lucky angler, checking in a 16 inch rainbow. Phil added that a few largemouth bass to 2 lbs. have been striking poppers in Sayville's Mill Pond.

Largemouth bass fishing is hot right now in most of the Patchogue Lakes and some of the traditional eastern fall hotspots, according to Paul Graniello of **J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue**. On Saturday, Frank Zimmerman of Bellport nailed 17 bass to 14 inches fishing worms from the shore of Patchogue Lake. Pickerel have been active, too, with some good scores reported on the Peconic River on Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon.

Speaking of the Peconic River, Mrs. Devlin at the **Fisherman's Deli, Riverhead**, relayed word to us that in addition to the solid bass and pickerel action, catfishing has heated up. On Saturday, several skiffs were rented out and everybody caught fish. Leading the way was a Mr. Epps who fished worms on the bottom to score with a mess of bullheads and sunnies to 1.5 lbs. Ralph George experienced a consistent pick of bass while Sayvile residents Carl Masca, Stan Serao and friends, spent Saturday afternoon feeding worms to a school of small, but hungry bass and pickerel.

Upstate in the **Hunter Mt.** area, Ken Josephson of **Crazy Chief Ski and Sport** reports the fishing season quickly approaching its end. The fish, however, are feeding with abandon, especially since this past week's rains raised the water levels in local streams and rivers. The trout have been very cooperative and some large browns have been taken. On Saturday, Craig Hughs nailed a 15 inch rainbow on a spinner.

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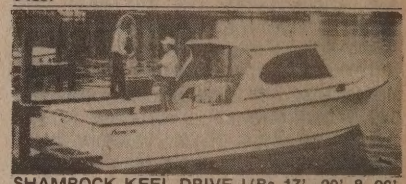

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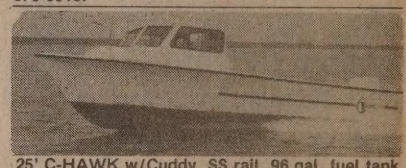

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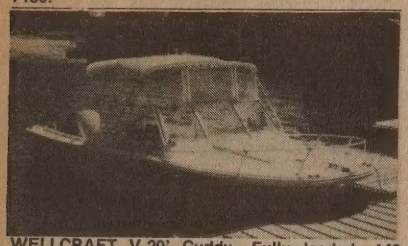

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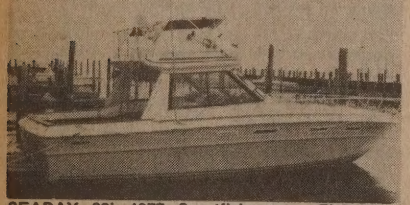

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GRADY WHITE 25' 1985 Sailfish, twin 150 hp Johnson w/extended warranty, VHF, screen depthfinder, outrigger. Plus much more. PORT OF EGYPT, Southold, 516-765-2445.

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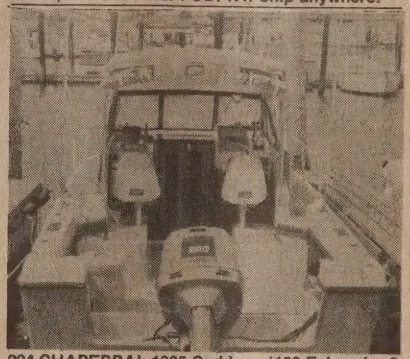

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WELLCRAFT '85, 248 Sportsman, twin 120 hp, oil injection, Hyd. steering, VHF, CB, Loran, chart recorder. Sleeps 4. Galley, full canvas. Low hrs. Calkins trailer, power winch. Garaged. Much more. Like new. $30K firm. 516-928-6964.

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GRADY WHITE 19' 1984 Tournament, 1984 150 hp Johnson. Ext. warranty. New full canvas, Lowrance X-16, Loran Furuno LC 90, King 7000 VHF, EZ Load trailer. Plus more. Mint. Eves, Wkdns: 516-385-8651. Days: 516-922-0393.

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28' UNIFLITE, 1979 F/B Sportfisherman, Twin FWC Crusaders. This boat is loaded with options, too many to list. Must be seen. For list of equipment and more info, Days: 516-491-5764. Eves: 718-229-4391.

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PROLINE 21' 1985 Walkaround Cuddy, 470 Merc I/O FWC. Color fish finder, VHF. Rod holders, swim platform. Cockpit lights, 70 gal. fuel. CG Pkg. 70 hrs on boat & motor. Excl. Will Demo. $13,500. 516-325-1597.

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1986 25' GRADY WHITE Sailfish, twin 200 hp Yamahas, radar, fight chair, color video, Loran, VHF, etc. Canyon ready. $47,900. Al: 215-946-3150/860-1646.

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PRIVATEER 18' 1985 Bay Prowler, 1975 70 hp Johnson & 1985 Calkins trailer. Ready to go. PORT OF EGYPT, Southold. 516-765-2445.

1987 SEAWAY 20' center console. Boat & motor manufacturer's Demo. Less than 10 hrs. VHF, depth finder. Complete inst. Powered by Suzuki 200 hp Anniversary Edition. Compl. w/deluxe trailer. Will deliver. Ask: $20,000. 201-534-5057.

'79 TIARA Pursuit 2500, cuddy, 228 Merc. I/O, 240 hrs. Power winch, new canvas. Full electronics. Loaded for fishing. Very clean. Moving. Make offer. 718-843-5625.

21' GLASTRON 1983 Walkaround Cuddy, 150 Merc. Full electronics, sea water temp. Outriggers, full canvas. Excl. cond. Winter storage. $9000. 516-678-2567.

1985 SEAWAY 26' center console I/B 260 hp FWC, Atlantic tower, dual Morse controls, Lorans. Full canvas, custom tackle lockers, platform, 150 gal. Si-Tex radar. Rigged to fish. Every option. Must see. $49,500. 516-298-9662/766-3347.

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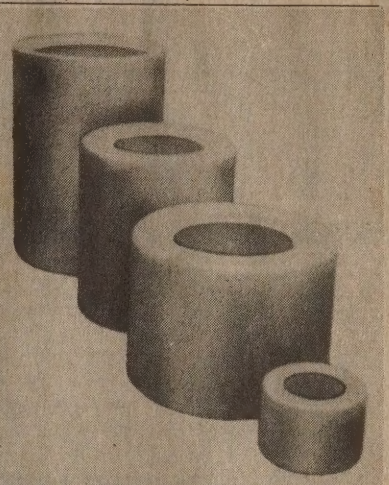

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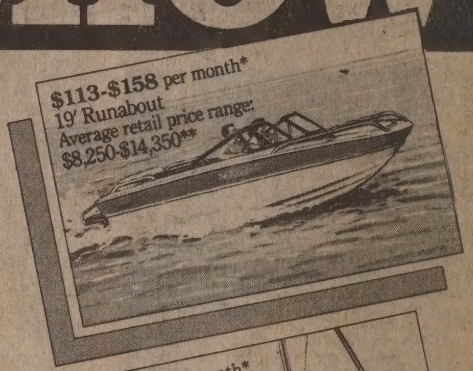

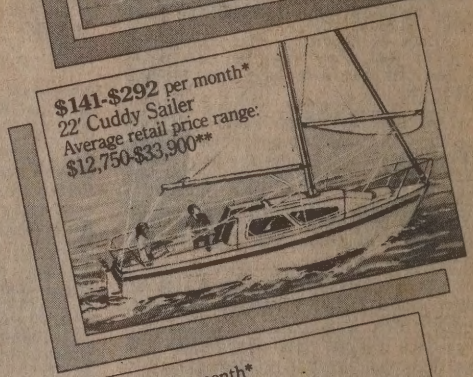

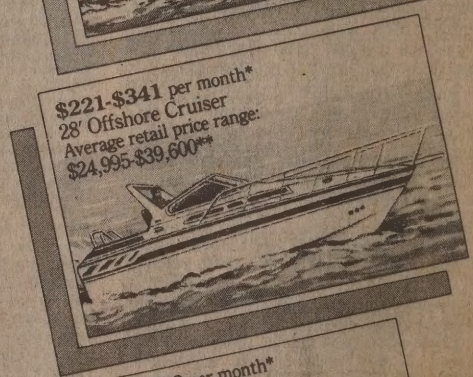

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